BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

Investigation into Recovery of Safety Costs by) Natural Gas Utilities

STATUS REPORT

Northwest Natural Gas Company ("NW Natural") submits this Status Report regarding the above-captioned docket. On May 19, 2016, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Commission") Staff filed a Status Report informing the Commission that the parties have agreed to preliminary terms of a settlement of all issues in this docket. On June 23, 2015, the parties met again and finalized the details of the settlement. A Stipulation detailing the settlement has been drafted and is under review by the parties. It is anticipated that the Stipulation will be filed by August 5, 2016. In the event the Stipulation is not finalized by that time, an additional status report will be filed.

DATED this 5th day of July, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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