

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
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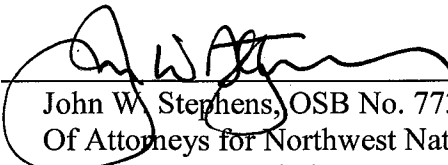
In the Matter of Investigation of Fuel) **MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS PARTY**
Switching and Cross Fuel Energy) **INTERVENOR**
Efficiency Issues)

Pursuant to OAR 860-001-0300, intervenor Forefront Economics (Mark Thompson) withdraws its petition to intervene and moves the Commission for a ruling that it is no longer a party-intervenor in this proceeding. Forefront Economics prepared for Northwest Natural Gas Company the white paper that studied the energy savings and costs of replacing an existing gas furnace in a single family home with either a high efficiency natural gas furnace or a high efficiency electric heat pump, and which was cited in the Staff's memo to the Commission, dated November 29, 2011. Because Northwest Natural has retained Forefront Economics to serve as an expert witness in this proceeding, there is no reason for Forefront Economics to appear separately as a party. Any discovery sought from Forefront Economics can be responded to by Northwest Natural.

Therefore, Forefront Economics withdraws its petition to intervene and seeks a ruling that it is not a party in this proceeding.

DATED this 22nd day of March, 2012.

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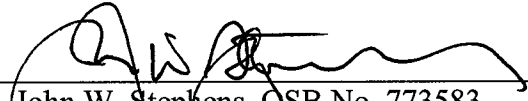
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