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Attn: Filing Center

Re: UM 1631 – Request for Waiver of Rule Provisions

Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural (“NW Natural” or the “Company”), files herewith a motion requesting the Commission grant the Company a waiver from OAR 860-027-0005, and OAR 860-027-0015.

The Company waives paper service in this proceeding. Please address correspondence on this matter to me at ork@nwnatural.com, with copies to the following:

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Sincerely,

NW NATURAL

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Attachment

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1631

NW Natural's Motion for
Waiver from OAR 860-027-0005 –
Utilities Required to File Reports; and
860-027-0015 – New Construction Budget

MOTION FOR WAIVER

I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to OAR 860-027-0000(2), Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural ("NW Natural" or "Company"), requests that the Commission grant the Company: (1) a waiver from compliance with OAR 860-027-0005, which requires each energy utility operating within Oregon and having gross operating revenues of \$50,000 or more per annum to file with the Commission on or before the first day of November of each year, a copy of its proposed Budget of Expenditures, on forms approved by the Commission; and (2) a waiver from compliance with OAR 860-027-0015, which requires each energy utility operating within Oregon to file annually on or before December 31 on forms approved by the Commission information on new construction, extensions, and additions to the utility's property.

II. DISCUSSION

NW Natural's fiscal year is based on a calendar year. As such, the data required to generate the reports described in OAR 860-027-0005 and OAR 860-027-0015 is not available to the Company until after the specified due dates, November 1st and December 31st, respectively. Therefore, NW Natural requests an extension of time to February 15, 2014, in which to file its 2014 New Construction Budget and its 2014 Annual Budget of Expenditures Report. NW Natural has regularly requested and received extensions of time in which to file the subject

1 reports from Commission Staff on an informal basis since prior to 2003 due to the reasons
2 described above.

3 **III. REQUEST FOR WAIVER**

4 Pursuant to OAR 860-027-0000(2) and for the reason explained above, NW Natural
5 requests a waiver from compliance to OAR 860-027-0005 and OAR 860-027-0015.

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7 DATED: October 21, 2013

Respectfully submitted

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/s/ Onita King

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