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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
Attention: Filing Center  
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Re: AR 601 Severe Weather Moratorium; NW Natural Comments on Final Draft Rule

Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural (“NW Natural” or the “Company”), submits the following comments in response to the Commission Staff’s (“the Staff”) email dated January 20, 2017, offering interested parties an opportunity to submit written comments on the final draft proposed rule attached to the January 20, 2017 email communication.

NW Natural appreciates the effort that Staff has put into addressing our prior comments and suggested rule revisions. There is one additional change that we suggest be made to Section (3), before the rule is submitted to the Secretary of State, as follows:

*3) Any moratorium activated as a result of section (1) or section (2) of this rule must remain in effect for ~~not less than 24 hours~~ at least through the start of the next business day.*

With this change, NW Natural supports the final draft rule as written.

NW Natural appreciates the opportunity to participate in this rulemaking proceeding and to provide comment on the final draft rule.

If you have questions regarding these comments, please feel free to call me at 503.721.2452.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Onita R. King*

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