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COMPANY NAME: Northwest Natural Gas Company dba NW Natural

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Via Electronic Filing
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Docket No. UF-4232/RG 27

Pursuant to the Commission's Order No. 06-662, in Docket UF-4232, authorizing the issuance and sale of the Company's Common Stock to its employees under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan, we enclose herewith the Tenth Report of Sales, Issues and Expenses, for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Sincerely,

/s/ Shawn M. Filippi

Shawn M. Filippi

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Encl.

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BEFORE THE OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of)	
)	
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY)	Docket UF-4232
)	
for Authorization to Issue and Sell)	Tenth Report of Sales, Issues
up to an Additional 200,000 Shares of Common Stock)	and Expenses
)	

This Report is filed pursuant to the Commission’s Order No. 06-662 in Docket UF-4232 dated December 8, 2006, in which the Company was authorized to issue and sell up to 200,000 shares of its Common Stock pursuant to the terms of its Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended (the Plan). 19,064 shares were issued under the Order in this Docket in 2015.

The Company made its sixteenth offering to its employees under the terms and conditions set forth in the Plan. During 2015, the Company completed an offering to its employees that was made during the period October 27, 2014 through November 14, 2014 (the 2014 Offering) and made a new offering under the Plan during the period October 26, 2015 through November 13, 2015 (the 2015 Offering). Certain administrative terms of the Plan were amended in 2003. The 2014 and 2015 offerings were made at a price determined to be 85% (rounded to the next full penny) of the closing price quoted for the Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange on the trading day before the initial date of the offering.

During the 2014 Offering, the Company offered to its employees not to exceed 97,800 shares of its Common Stock, at a price of \$38.90 per share. The Company received subscriptions for 22,646 shares, of which subscriptions for 3,582 shares were cancelled. During the 2015 Offering, the Company offered to its employees not to exceed 78,758 shares of its Common Stock, at a price of \$40.51 per share. As of December 31, 2015, the Company received subscriptions for 20,784 shares, with 58 cancellations. Payroll deductions taken by the Company in payment of the subscribed shares are held on behalf of the employee until the shares are to be purchased on the purchase date in December 2016.

Pursuant to the Commission’s authorization in this Docket UF-4232, at December 31, 2015, the Company had received from the eight offerings subscriptions totaling 160,668 shares, cancellations totaling 18,344 shares of such subscribed shares and cash in the amount of \$4,667,975.66 in full payment for 121,598 of the shares, and had issued certificates or authorized book-entry positions for the 121,598 shares to the respective employee purchasers as follows:

Offering Period	Price	Shares Subscribed			Shares Issued		Balance Subscribed
		Initial	Canceled	Total	Number	Gross Proceeds	
11/1/08 – 11/30/08 ¹	\$43.25	9,813	4,276	5,537	5,537	\$239,475.25	0
11/1/09 – 11/30/09	\$35.54	24,530	871	23,659	23,659	\$840,840.86	0
11/1/10 – 11/30/10	\$41.90	18,936	3,632	15,304	15,304	\$641,237.60	0
11/1/11 – 11/30/11	\$39.72	19,917	1,760	18,157	18,157	\$721,196.04	0
11/1/12 – 11/30/12	\$39.56	17,851	2,237	15,614	15,614	\$617,689.84	0
10/1/13 – 10/31/13	\$35.69	26,191	1,928	24,263	24,263	\$865,946.47	0
10/27/14 – 11/14/14	\$38.90	22,646	3,582	19,064	19,064	\$741,589.60	0
10/26/15-11/13/15	\$40.51	20,784	58	20,726	0	0	20,726
Total		160,668	18,344	142,324	121,598	\$4,667,975.66,	20,726

¹ 3,078 of the 8,615 shares issued under the Plan in 2009 were issued under the authorization of Docket No. UF-4172. The subscriptions and cancellations are prorated between the two Dockets.

REPORT OF SECURITIES ISSUED UNDER PLAN, 2015

	Amount
Total Value of Common Stock Issued	\$872,368.64 ¹
Plus premium or less discount	(\$130,779.04) ²
Gross proceeds	\$741,589.60
Underwriter's spread or commission	-
Securities and Exchange Commission registration fee	-
State mortgage registration tax	-
State commission fee	-
Fee for recording indenture	-
United States document tax	-
Printing and postage expenses	-
Trustee's charges	-
Counsel fees	-
Accountant's fees	-
Cost of listing	-
Miscellaneous expense of issue (describe large items)	
Total Deductions	\$0
Net Amount Realized	\$741,589.60

¹ Based on a fair market value of \$45.76, based on the closing price of the shares as reported on the New York Stock Exchange on October 24, 2014.

² Employees purchased stock at \$38.90, reflecting a 15% discount of the fair market value.

DISPOSITION OF NET PROCEEDS:

In 2015, the Company issued 19,064 shares of its Common Stock under this Docket. The employee purchase price per share was \$38.90, with gross proceeds of \$741,589.60. There were no expenses associated with the Plan in 2015. The net proceeds of \$741,589.60 were applied towards the acquisition of property, the construction, completion, extension or improvement of the Company's facilities, the improvement or maintenance of the Company's service, or the discharge or lawful refunding of the Company's obligations, pursuant to ORS 757.415(1).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 26th day of February, 2016.

/s/ Shawn M. Filippi

Shawn M. Filippi
Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer and
Corporate Secretary
Northwest Natural Gas Company