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VIA E-MAIL TO

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**Re: Docket UG 490 - In the Matter of Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW
Natural, Request for a General Rate Revision**

Attached please find the Motion to Admit First Partial Multi-Party Stipulation and Supporting Joint Testimony.

Please contact this office with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cole Albee".

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 490

In the Matter of
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY,
dba NW Natural
Application for a General Rate Revision

**MOTION TO ADMIT FIRST PARTIAL
MULTI-PARTY STIPULATION AND
SUPPORTING JOINT TESTIMONY**

Concurrently with this Motion, Northwest Natural Gas Company (“NW Natural”) is filing a partial multi-party stipulation reflecting the agreement of certain parties to this case—NW Natural, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon, the Oregon Citizens’ Utility Board, and the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (collectively, the “Stipulating Parties”)—regarding the cost of long-term debt component of cost of capital (“Stipulation”). NW Natural is also concurrently filing supporting joint testimony in accordance with OAR 860-001-0350(7)(a).¹ The Coalition of Communities of Color, Climate Solutions, Verde, Columbia Riverkeeper, Oregon Environmental Council, Community Energy Project, and Sierra Club (the “Coalition”) is also a party to these proceedings but does not join or oppose the Stipulation. Accordingly, NW Natural, on behalf of the Stipulating Parties, requests that the Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) issue a ruling admitting the Stipulation and the supporting testimony into the record as evidence in this proceeding. NW Natural has consulted with the Stipulating Parties, and the Stipulating Parties support this Motion.

The Stipulating Parties seek to file this Stipulation and supporting testimony immediately, in order to notify the Commission and interested parties that the Stipulating Parties have resolved the issue of cost of long-term debt raised in this docket.

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¹ See Joint Testimony in Support of the First Partial Multi-Party Stipulation filed concurrently with the Stipulation.

For the foregoing reasons, NW Natural asks the ALJ to accept the Stipulation and supporting joint testimony for filing.

DATED this 26th day of February 2024.

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