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**Re: Docket UG 490 - In the Matter of NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY dba
NW Natural's Application for a General Rate Revision**

Attention Filing Center:

Attached for filing in the above-captioned docket is NW Natural's Notice of Use of General Protective Order No. 23-132.

Please contact this office with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

**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

**NOTICE OF USE OF GENERAL
PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Northwest Natural Gas Company (NW Natural) hereby provides notice that it anticipates designating information to be produced or used in this docket as protected under the Commission's General Protective Order No. 23-132 (GPO). Concurrent with this filing, the Company is also filing a Motion for Modified Protective Order to provide additional protection for Security Sensitive Information and highly confidential information.

NW Natural will soon file its Application for a General Rate Revision. The Company's testimony, exhibits, and workpapers that will accompany the filing will include confidential business information. In addition, NW Natural anticipates that Staff and intervenors will seek to discover confidential business information in the discovery process. The Commission's rules authorize NW Natural Company to seek reasonable restrictions on discovery of trade secrets and other confidential business information. See OAR 860-001-0080 and ORCP 36(C)(1) (providing protection against unrestricted discovery of "trade secret[s] or other confidential research, development, or commercial information"). Issuance of a protective order will facilitate the production of relevant information and expedite the discovery process. The GPO is available at: <https://apps.puc.state.or.us/orders/2023ords/23-132.pdf>. Other parties to the proceeding may seek access to the protected information under the terms of the GPO using the signatory pages in Order No. 23-132.

The individuals listed in the table below are employees of NW Natural and are identified for purposes of accessing information designated as protected by NW Natural within the docket.

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