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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Oregon Public Utility Commission
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RE: In the Matter of Northwest Natural Gas Company - Investigation to
Determine if Company Provided Adequate Customer Info
Docket No. UM 1236

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed please find an original and one (1) copy of **The Northwest Industrial Gas Users' Response to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Motion to Close Investigation** in the above-referenced Docket.

This was filed electronically with the OPUC on this date, and will be served only by U.S. Mail on the parties listed on the Certificate of Service, as no Service List exists on the OPUC's current website.

Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully submitted,



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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1236

In the Matter of NORTHWEST)
NATURAL GAS COMPANY)
Investigation to Determine If Company) THE NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL
Provided Adequate Customer Info) GAS USERS' RESPONSE TO
) NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
) COMPANY'S MOTION TO CLOSE
) INVESTIGATION
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Pursuant to OAR 860-013-0035, the Northwest Industrial Gas Users ("NWIGU") hereby responds to Northwest Natural Gas Company's ("NW Natural") Motion to Close Investigation. NW Natural filed its Motion with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Commission") on February 1, 2006.

Numerous NWIGU member companies were directly impacted by the actions of NW Natural that gave rise to the opening of this investigation. A settlement has been reached between NW Natural and 14 of the 15 Oregon customers directly impacted by the dispute. *See* NW Natural Advice No. OPUC 06-1 filed February 1, 2006. One customer, Georgia Pacific, has not reached a settlement with NW Natural.

NWIGU does not object to the closure of the Staff investigation so long as Georgia Pacific is free to file its own complaint to address its specific issues. In addition, given that NW Natural has agreed to make a tariff filing on how it handles the timing of sales elections in the future, as is provided in the settlement agreements reached with its individual customers, NWIGU sees no reason for the Commission to continue the investigation it commenced in this

docket. Therefore, NWIGU has no objection to NW Natural's request that the Commission issue an order closing this proceeding.

Dated: February 2, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,



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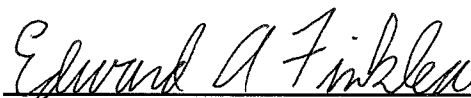
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have on this day caused to be served the foregoing **NWIGU's Response to Northwest Natural Gas Company's Motion to Close Investigation** upon the following party by mailing at his/her last-known address via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid. There are no parties listed on the OPUC's Current Website for this docket.

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