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Re: Docket No. UF-4232/RG 27

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Commission Order No. 06-662, in Docket UF-4232, authorizes Northwest Natural Gas Company (NW Natural) to issue and sell its common stock to its employees under its Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the ESPP). Pursuant to Order No. 06-662, NW Natural files with the Commission an annual report of the sales and expenses associated with the ESPP, last doing so on February 28, 2018 with respect to the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 (2017 Report).

As reported in the 2017 Report, pursuant to the ESPP, NW Natural made an offering to employees during the period October 23, 2017 to November 10, 2017 for shares to be issued on December 31, 2018. Effective October 1, 2018, NW Natural completed a reorganization into a holding company structure, as approved by the OPUC in 2017 pursuant to Order 17-526 (Reorganization). To effect the Reorganization, NWN Merger Sub, Inc. a wholly owned subsidiary of Northwest Natural Holding Company (NW Holdings), was merged with and into NW Natural and each outstanding share of NW Natural common stock was converted into one share of NW Holdings common stock. As part of the Reorganization, the ESPP was modified to relate to NW Holdings common stock and the common stock issued pursuant to the ESPP after October 1, 2018 would be satisfied with an equal number of shares of NW Holdings common stock, instead of common stock of NW Natural. Since shares were not issued pursuant to the most recent ESPP offering until after the Reorganization was effective, no shares of NW Natural common stock were issued pursuant to the ESPP in 2018, and no further reporting in Docket UF-4232 is required.

If you have any questions regarding this matter or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 503-220-2435.

Sincerely. Shawn M. Filipp

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