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COMPANY NAME: NW Natural Gas Company

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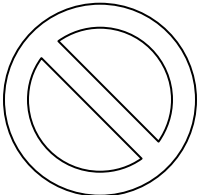
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**Re: RG 32: 2012 Annual Report of Interstate and Intrastate Gas
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