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June 29, 2023

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Public Utility Commission of Oregon Attention: Filing Center 201 High Street SE, Suite 100 Post Office Box 1088 Salem, Oregon 97308-1088

RE: UM 1101: Application for Reauthorization to Defer Costs Associated with Intervenor Funding Grants

Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural ("NW Natural" or "Company"), herewith files an Application for Reauthorization ("Application") to defer costs pursuant to provisions of ORS 757.259 for Intervenor Funding Grants.

A notice concerning this Application will be sent to all parties that participated in the Company's last previous consolidated general rate case, UG 435/UG 411. A copy of the notice and a certificate of service are attached to the Application.

Please address correspondence on this matter to me with copies to the following:

eFiling Rates & Regulatory Affairs NW Natural 250 SW Taylor Street Portland, Oregon 97204 Phone: (503) 610-7330 Fax: (503) 220-2579

eFiling@nwnatural.com

If you have any questions, please call me at (503) 610-7051.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kyle Walker, CPA

Kyle Walker, CPA Rates/Regulatory Manager

Enclosures

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

UM 1101

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY, dba, NW NATURAL

For Reauthorization to Defer Certain Expenses or Revenues Pursuant to ORS 757.259

APPLICATION FOR REAUTHORIZATION TO DEFER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INTERVENOR FUNDING GRANTS

- In accordance with ORS 757.259 and OAR 860-027-0300, Northwest Natural

 Gas Company ("NW Natural" or the "Company") files this application with the Public

 Utility Commission of Oregon (the "Commission") requesting an order reauthorizing

 the Company to record and defer the cost of intervenor funding grants provided to

 qualifying organizations pursuant to the provisions of ORS 757.259(3) for future

 amortization in rates. This request is for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30,

 2024.
- 8 In support of this Application, NW Natural states:
- 9 A. NW Natural.
- NW Natural is a public utility in the State of Oregon and is subject to the
- jurisdiction of the Commission regarding rates, service, and accounting practices.
- 12 NW Natural provides retail natural gas service in the States of Oregon and
- 13 Washington.

1	B. Statutory Authority.
2	ORS 757.072(2) authorizes the Commission to approve written agreements
3	for intervenor funding grants between electric and natural gas utilities and qualifying
4	organizations representing broad customer interests. Such grants are used by these
5	qualifying organizations when participating in regulatory proceedings before the
6	Commission. ORS 757.072(3) authorizes the Commission to establish rules with
7	respect to funding agreements for determining which organizations are eligible for
8	financial assistance, the amount of assistance that may be provided, the manner in
9	which assistance will be distributed, and other necessary administrative matters.
10	Moreover, ORS 757.072(4) provides:
11 12 13 14 15 16	"The commission shall allow a public utility that provides financial assistance under this section to recover the amounts so provided in rates. The commission shall allow a public utility to defer inclusion of those amounts in rates as provided in ORS 757.259 if the public utility so elects."
17 18	ORS 757.259(3) provides:
19 20 21 22 23	"Upon request of the public utility, the commission by order shall allow deferral of amounts provided as financial assistance under an agreement entered into under ORS 757.072 for later incorporation in rates."
24	Additionally, the Company notes that deferred amounts under ORS 757.259(3) are
25	not subject to the percentage of gross revenues limitation on amortization or other
26	provisions of subsections (5), (6), (7), (8), or (10) of ORS 757.259.
27	C. Background of Request for Reauthorization.
28	On July 2, 2003, pursuant to Section 2 of the Intervenor Funding Act, the

Commission issued Order No. 03-388, which, among other things, approved the

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1	Intervenor Funding Agreement among NW Natural, Portland General Electric,
2	PacifiCorp, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, Avista Corporation, Industrial
3	Customers of Northwest Utilities ("ICNU"), Citizens' Utility Board ("CUB"), Northwest
4	Industrial Gas Users ("NWIGU") (collectively referred to hereafter as "Joint Parties")
5	dated February 5, 2003. The Intervenor Funding Agreement set forth the amount of
6	funding to be contributed by each utility and the procedures for budget submittals by
7	intervenors, Commission approval of budgets, and the payment of grants by utilities
8	It also established the three funds from which "Intervenor Funding Grants" can be
9	made: CUB Fund, Preauthorized Matching Fund (hereinafter also referred to as the
10	"NWIGU Fund," because it was for the exclusive use of NWIGU when applicable to
11	NW Natural) and Issue Fund.
12	In its subsequent Order No. 03-405, the Commission directed the utilities to
13	pay CUB the amount made available for the CUB Fund Grants as defined and
14	provided for in the Intervenor Funding Agreement. Express Commission approval
15	for payment was necessitated by Section 7.1 of the Intervenor Funding Agreement,
16	which provides that "upon request by CUB, the Commission will direct the
17	Participating Public Utilities to pay the amounts made available for the CUB Fund."
18	On December 29, 2007, the Commission issued Order No. 07-564, which
19	approved amendments to the Intervenor Funding Agreement previously approved in
20	Order No. 03-388. In 2012, Joint Parties executed a Second Amended and
21	Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement which the Commission approved in Order
22	No. 12-452. This Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement,
23	effective January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2017, increased the CUB Fund,

1	the Preauthorized Matching Fund (NWIGU Fund), and the Issue Fund by 15 percent
2	above the levels allowed in prior years. The Commission approved the Third
3	Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement, effective August 1, 2015
4	through December 31, 2017, in Order No. 15-335. The amended Intervenor
5	Funding Agreement increased the Issue Fund amount for NW Natural and for Avista
6	Utilities. NW Natural's Issue Fund amount was changed from \$66,125 to \$143,750.
7	The Commission approved the Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor
8	Funding Agreement, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022, in Order
9	No. 18-017. The amended Intervenor Funding Agreement increased the total funds
10	available annually in the CUB Fund by approximately 45 percent and increased the
11	total funds available annually in the Preauthorized Matching Funds (NWIGU Fund)
12	by approximately 10 percent. In addition, for each Preauthorized Matching Fund
13	(NWIGU Fund), the annual amount for each calendar year after 2018 and during the
14	term of the agreement increases by 3 percent annually. The agreement allowed the
15	Alliance of Western Energy Consumers ("AWEC") ¹ to request payment of
16	Preauthorized Matching Fund Grants semi-annually and lowers the matching
17	amount of internal resources or outside funding from 50 percent to 35 percent. The
18	Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement expired on December
19	31, 2022.
20	Finally, the Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement was
21	approved by the Commission in Order No. 22-506 at its public meeting on December

¹ ICNU and NWIGU have merged their organizations and are now AWEC, and the NWIGU Fund now is called the "AWEC Fund."

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- 1 27, 2022. This agreement extends intervenor funding to December 31, 2027. It
- 2 increased the total funds available annually in the CUB Fund by 15 percent, the total
- 3 funds in the Preauthorized Matching Funds by 12 percent, and the Issue Fund
- 4 amount by 15 percent. Additionally, the agreement establishes a separate Case-
- 5 Certified Account under the Issue Fund. This fund is available to organizations, other
- 6 than CUB and AWEC, which meet the criteria set in Article 5.3 of the agreement.
- 7 After 2023, the annual amount for the CUB Fund and Issue Fund General Account
- 8 will increase by 3 percent each year.
- 9 D. Communications.
- 10 Communications regarding this Application should be addressed to:
- 11 NW Natural
- 12 eFiling for Rates & Regulatory Affairs
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- 27 Kyle Walker, CPA
- 28 Rates/Regulatory Senior Manager
- 29 250 SW Taylor Street
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- 32 Email: kyle.walker@nwnatural.com
- 33 E. Description of the Expenses or Revenues for which Deferred
- 34 Accounting is Requested OAR 860-027-0300(3)(a).

1	In accordance with the statutory authority provided by ORS 757.259(3) and
2	the Commission's approval of the Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding
3	Agreement, NW Natural proposes to record and defer the amount of its payment to
4	CUB as directed by Commission Order No. 22-506. This includes any payments
5	made to CUB under any prior or subsequent Commission-approved intervenor
6	funding agreement. ² The request is pursuant to the terms of the Fifth Amended and
7	Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement, approved by the Commission in Order No.
8	22-506.
9	Additionally, the Company proposes to record and defer, on an ongoing
10	basis, any and all Intervenor Funding Grants as defined and provided for in the Fifth
11	Amended and Reinstated Intervenor Funding Agreement and any prior or
12	subsequent Commission-approved intervenor funding agreements, for later
13	incorporation in rates. The Company will record and defer these ongoing costs upon
14	payment of the Intervenor Funding Grants following the Commission's approval of
15	the Intervenor Funding Grant and issuance of an Order directing the Company to
16	make payment, pursuant to the Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding
17	Agreement or a subsequent or prior Commission-approved intervenor funding
18	agreement.
19	F. Reasons Reauthorization of Deferred Accounting is Being Requested –

19 20 OAR 860-027-0300(3)(b).

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² As stated above, the Fourth Amended and Reinstated Intervenor Funding Agreement expired on December 31, 2022, and was replaced by the Fifth Amended and Reinstated Intervenor Funding Agreement.

- This request is made in accordance with ORS 757.259(3) that allows for the
- 2 deferral of Intervenor funds, and Commission Order No. 22-506 in docket UM 2264,
- 3 which directs NW Natural to pay CUB the amounts made available for the CUB Fund
- 4 Grants as defined and provided for in the Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor
- 5 Funding Agreement (\$116,294 for NW Natural in 2023).
- 6 G. Accounting OAR 860-027-0300(3)(c).
- 7 NW Natural proposes to record payment of Intervenor Funding Grants in a
- 8 subaccount of FERC Account 186. In the absence of the Commission's approval of
- 9 this Application, the Company would not incur the cost of Intervenor Funding Grants.
- 10 Were such costs incurred, however, they would be recorded in an appropriate sub-
- 11 account of FERC Account 401.
- 12 H. Estimate of Amounts Subject to Deferral OAR 860-027-0300(3)(d).
- 13 Under the current agreement, the estimated amounts for 2023 are displayed
- in the table below. The estimated amounts of the CUB Fund and Issue Fund –
- 15 General Account will increase by three percent each year starting in 2024:

<u>Fund</u>

CUB Fund	\$ 116,294
Preauthorized Matching Fund (AWEC Fund)	\$ 81,868
Issue Fund- General Account	<u>\$ 165,313</u>
Issue Fund- Case Certified Account	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
Total	\$ 373 475

- 16 I. Entries into Deferred Account During Past 12 months OAR 860-027-
- 17 **0300(4)(a)**.

1	A ⁻	ttached as Exhibit A to this application are work papers detailing the
2	amounts	deferred to date under UM 1101.
3	J. R	easons for Continued Deferral – OAR 860-027-0300(4)(b).
4	TI	ne Company expects to incur intervenor funding costs for the time period
5	covered	by this deferral (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024) and ORS 757.072(4)
6	permits t	he Company to defer such costs.
7	K. R	equirement per Commission Order No. 09-263.
8	В	elow is the information required per Commission Order No. 09-263, issued
9	in docke	et UM 1286, Staff's Investigation into Purchase Gas Adjustment
10	Mechar	iisms:
11	1.	A completed Summary Sheet, the location in the PGA filing, and an
12		account map that highlights the transfer of dollars from one account
13		to another.
14		Exhibit A provides the Summary Sheets which show the amounts
15		deferred. Exhibit A will be included in the 2023 PGA filing work papers
16		and in the electronic file entitled "Proposed Temps Oregon 2023-24 PGA
17		filing.xls."
18	2.	The effective date of the deferral.
19		This application is for the 12-month period beginning July 1, 2023 and
20		ending June 30, 2024.
21	3.	Prior year Order Number approving the deferral.
22		Approval to defer costs associated with intervenor funding was last
23		granted under Commission Order No. 22-398.

1 4. The amount deferred last year.

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	Issue Fund	CUB Fund	AWEC Fund
	Acct 151878	Acct 151866	Acct 151870
Deferred amounts July 1,			_
2022 through May 31, 2023	\$278,810	\$116,294	\$47,172

5. The amount amortized last year.³

	CUB Fund	AWEC Fund
	<u>Acct 151880</u>	Acct 151882
Amortized amounts November 1, 2022		
through May 31, 2023 with interest	\$93,813	\$37,173

6. The interest rate that will apply to the accounts.

- While the Company does not currently accrue interest on balances 4 deferred for intervenor funding, the Company is authorized to include 5 6 carrying costs in accordance with Section 7.9 of the Second Amended and Restated Agreement included as attachment A to Commission Order No. 7 Order No. 12-452. 8
 - 7. An estimate of the upcoming PGA-period deferral and/or amortization.
- 11 The Company estimates that it will defer, and ultimately seek to amortize, 12 \$373,475
- L. Notice - OAR 800-027-0300(6). 13

³ For purposes of amortization, the amount of the Issue Fund deferred related to CUB is amortized in the CUB Fund and the amount of the Issue Fund deferred related to AWEC is amortized in the AWEC Fund.

1	A notice of this Application will be served to parties who participated in the			
2	Company's last previous consolidated general rate case, UG 435/UG 411, and is			
3	attached to this Application.			
4	NW Natural respectfully requests that in accordance with ORS 757.259(3), as			
5	amended, the Commission authorize the Company to record and defer Intervenor			
6	Funding Grants incurred by the Company pursuant to the Intervenor Funding			
7	Agreement, as described in this Application.			
8	DATED this 29 th day of June 2023.			
9	Respectfully Submitted,			
10	NW NATURAL			
11 12 13 14 15 16 17	/s/ Kyle Walker, CPA Kyle Walker, CPA Rates/Regulatory Senior Manager 250 SW Taylor Street Portland, Oregon 97204 Phone: (503) 610-7051 Email: kyle.walker@nwnatural.com			
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	/s/ Ryan Sigurdson Ryan Sigurdson (OSB #201722) Regulatory Attorney 250 SW Taylor Street Portland, Oregon 97204 Phone: (503) 610-7570 Email: ryan.sigurdson@nwnatural.com			

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Amortized amounts November 1, 2022 chrough May 31, 2023 with interest	\$93,813	\$37,173

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Northwest Natural Gas Company Company:

State: Oregon

Description: Deferral of Intervenor Funding - ISSUE FUND

Account Number: 151878

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Last deferral reauthorization was approved in Order No. 22-398

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4	Month/Year	Note	Deferral-CUB	Deferral-AWEC	Transfers-CUB	Transfers-AWEC	Interest (1)	Activity	Balance-CUB	Balance - AWEC	Balance Grand Total
5	(a)	(b)	(c1)	(c2)	(d1)	(d2)	(e)	(f)	(g1)	(g2)	(gtotal)
6					to 151880	to 151882					
7	Beginning Balance				amort account	amort account					
195	Jul-22							-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
196	Aug-22							-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
197	Sep-22							-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
198	Oct-22							-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
199	Nov-22	2,4		96,000.00	(5,000.00)			91,000.00	-	96,000.00	96,000.00
200	Dec-22	2	17,142.00					17,142.00	17,142.00	96,000.00	113,142.00
201	Jan-23							-	17,142.00	96,000.00	113,142.00
202	Feb-23							-	17,142.00	96,000.00	113,142.00
203	Mar-23	2	113,500					113,500.00	130,6 4 2.00	96,000.00	226,642.00
204	Apr-23							-	130,642.00	96,000.00	226,642.00
205	May-23	2	52,168.00					52,168.00	182,810.00	96,000.00	278,810.00

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NOTES 2 - Payments made in: 208

November 2022 - see order 22-357

December 2022 - see order 22-449

March 2023 - see Order 23-096 May 2023 - See Order 23-180

4 - Transferred \$5,000 of CUB June balance to amortization account

Company: Northwest Natural Gas Company

State: Oregon

Description: Deferral of CUB Intervenor Funding

Account Number: 151866

Docket UM 1101

Last deferral reauthorization was approved in Order No. 22-398

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4	Month/Year	Note	Deferral	Transfers	Interest (1)	Activity	Balance
5	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
6							
7	Beginning Balance						
195	Jul-22		-			-	101,125.00
196	Aug-22		-			-	101,125.00
197	Sep-22		-			-	101,125.00
198	Oct-22		-			-	101,125.00
199	Nov-22	3	-	(101,125.00)		(101,125.00)	-
200	Dec-22		-			-	-
201	Jan-23		-			-	-
202	Feb-23		-			-	-
203	Mar-23		116,294.00			116,294.00	116,294.00
204	Apr-23		-			-	116,294.00
205	May-23		-			-	116,294.00

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3 - June balance transferred to account 186286 for amortization.

Company: Northwest Natural Gas Company

State: Oregon

Description: Deferral of AWEC Intervenor Funding

Account Number: 151870

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Last deferral reauthorization was approved in Order No. 22-398

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4	Month/Year	Note	Deferral	Transfers	Interest (1)	Activity	Balance
5	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
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7	Beginning Balance						
195	Jul-22		-			-	63,567.08
196	Aug-22		-			-	63,567.08
197	Sep-22		-			-	63,567.08
198	Oct-22		-			-	63,567.08
199	Nov-22	3		(63,567.08)		(63,567.08)	0.00
200	Dec-22	2	31,030.55			31,030.55	31,030.55
201	Jan-23		-			-	31,030.55
202	Feb-23		-			-	31,030.55
203	Mar-23	2	-			-	31,030.55
204	Apr-23	2	16,142.10			16,142.10	47,172.65
205	May-23		-			-	47,172.65

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210 **2** - Payments made in:

Dec 2022 - see order 22-417

Mar 2023 - see order 22-506

Apr 2023 - see order 22-123

3 - June balance transferred to account for amortization.

Company: Northwest Natural Gas Company

State: Oregon

Description: Amortization of CUB Intervenor Funding

Account Number: 151880

Dockets UM 1101 and UG 422

Amortization of 2021-22 deferral approved in Order 22-410

Debit (Credit)

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3						Interest		
4	Month/Year I	Vote	Amortization	Transfers	Interest	rate	Activity	Balance
5	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e1)	(e2)	(f)	(g)
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7	Beginning Balance							
210	Jun-22		(7,790.03)		27.52	1.24%	(7,762.51)	22,763.62
211	Jul-22		(4,333.15)		21.28	1.24%	(4,311.87)	18,451.75
212	Aug-22		(3,092.38)		17.47	1.24%	(3,074.91)	15,376.84
213	Sep-22		(3,305.99)		14.18	1.24%	(3,291.81)	12,085.03
214	Oct-22		(4,183.97)		10.33	1.24%	(4,173.64)	7,911.39
215	Nov-22 Old ra	tes	(6,223.77)		4.96	1.24%	(6,218.81)	1,692.58
216	Nov-22 New r	ates (1)	(5,892.38)	106,125.00	156.49	1.82%	100,389.11	102,081.69
217	Dec-22		(18,849.50)		140.53	1.82%	(18,708.97)	83,372.72
218	Jan-23		(18,008.36)		112.79	1.82%	(17,895.57)	65,477.15
219	Feb-23		(16,861.48)		86.52	1.82%	(16,774.96)	48,702.19
220	Mar-23		(16,262.34)		61.53	1.82%	(16,200.81)	32,501.38
221	Apr-23		(12,418.47)		39.88	1.82%	(12,378.59)	20,122.79
222	May-23		(6,143.99)		25.86	1.82%	(6,118.13)	14,004.66

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1 - Transferred in authorized balances from CUB Deferral and Issue Fund Deferral account.

Company: Northwest Natural Gas Company

State: Oregon

Description: Amortization of AWEC Intervenor Funding

Account Number: 151882

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Amortization of 2021-22 deferral approved in Order 22-410

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4	Month/Year	Note	Amortization	Transfers	Interest	rate	Activity	Balance
5	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e1)	(e2)	(f)	(g)
6								
7	Beginning Balance							
194	Jun-22		(6,465.49)		29.35	1.24%	(6,436.14)	25,199.35
195	Jul-22		(6,203.92)		22.83	1.24%	(6,181.09)	19,018.26
196	Aug-22		(6,241.69)		16.43	1.24%	(6,225.26)	12,793.00
197	Sep-22		(5,900.69)		10.17	1.24%	(5,890.52)	6,902.48
198	Oct-22		(6,792.07)		3.62	1.24%	(6,788.45)	114.03
199	Nov-22 C		(376.63)		(0.08)	1.24%	(376.71)	(262.68)
200	Nov-22 N	lew rates (1)	(5,087.42)	63,567.08	92.55	1.82%	58,572.21	58,309.53
201	Dec-22		(5,691.62)		84.12	1.82%	(5,607.50)	52,702.03
202	Jan-23		(5,687.16)		75.62	1.82%	(5,611.54)	47,090.49
203	Feb-23		(5,303.69)		67.40	1.82%	(5,236.29)	41,854.20
204	Mar-23		(5,781.30)		59.09	1.82%	(5,722.21)	36,131.99
205	Apr-23		(5,072.82)		50.95	1.82%	(5,021.87)	31,110.12
206	May-23		(5,021.81)		43.38	1.82%	(4,978.43)	26,131.69

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1 - Transferred in authorized balances from NWIGU Deferral accountant Issue Fund Deferral account



UM 1101

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REAUTHORIZATION TO DEFER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INTERVENOR FUNDING GRANTS

June 29, 2023

To Parties Participating in Consolidated Dockets UG 435/UG 411:

Please be advised that on June 29, 2023, Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural ("NW Natural" or "Company"), applied for REAUTHORIZATION TO DEFER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INTERVENOR FUNDING GRANTS.

<u>This is not a rate case</u>. The purpose of this Notice is to inform parties that participated in the Company's last previous consolidated rate case, UG 435/UG 411, that a deferral reauthorization has been filed.

Parties who desire more information or who wish to obtain a copy of the filing, or notice of the time and place of any hearing, if scheduled, should contact the Company or the Public Utility Commission of Oregon as follows:

NW Natural Attn: Kyle Walker, CPA 250 Taylor Street Portland, Oregon 97204 Telephone: (503) 610-7051 Public Utility Commission of Oregon Attn: Filing Center 201 High Street SE, Suite 100 PO Box 1088 Salem, Oregon 97308-1088 Telephone: (503) 378-6678

Any person may submit to the Commission written comments on this matter within 25 days of the service of this notice. The granting of this deferral reauthorization application will not authorize a change in rates but will permit the Company to defer amounts in rates to a subsequent proceeding.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

UM 1101

I hereby certify that on June 29, 2023, I have served by electronic mail the foregoing NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REAUTHORIZATION TO DEFER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INTERVENOR FUNDING GRANTS upon parties of record for NW Natural's current consolidated general rate case, UG 435/UG 411.

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