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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Public Utility Commission of Oregon Filing Center P.O. Box 1088 Salem, Oregon 97308-1088

Re: Consolidated UG 435 / UG 411 / Application of NW Natural for a General Rate Revision / Schedule 198 Renewable Natural Gas Recovery Mechanism.

Dear Judge Spruce:

In response to the ALJ's Memorandum issued on August 2, 2022, NW Natural Gas Company ("NW Natural") hereby submits its notice of intent to participate in the August 25, 2022 Oral Argument in these consolidated proceedings. Lisa Rackner and Jocelyn Pease will appear on behalf of NW Natural. NW Natural seeks to address parties' proposals to eliminate the Company's line extension allowances ("LEA"), its proposed Schedule 198 (Renewable Natural Gas Adjustment Mechanism), and its Lexington RNG Project Cost of Service and Rate Spread. NW Natural also requests to address the Objections to the First Multi-Party Partial Stipulation filed by the Coalition of Communities of Color, Climate Solutions, Verde, Columbia Riverkeeper, Oregon Environmental Council, Community Energy Project, and Sierra Club, and the Objections to the Second Multi-Party Partial Stipulation filed by the Small Business Utility Advocates. With respect to each stipulation, NW Natural will take the lead on behalf of the stipulating parties, and the attorneys for other stipulating parties will be available to respond to any questions as needed. Finally, NW Natural requests the opportunity to address any other issue raised by a party, Commissioners, or the ALJ during the oral argument.

Sincerely.

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