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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of

Securities to be RegisteredMaximum Aggregate
Offering Price
\$50,000,000Amount of
Registration Fee(1)\$50,000,000\$5,805

Debt Securities

(1) Calculated in accordance with Rule 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). \$1,099 of the Registration Fee is being offset in reliance upon Rule 457(p) under the Securities Act against remaining registration fees previously paid in an aggregate amount of \$11,022 which were carried forward from Registration Statement No. 333-112604, which was initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by the registrant on February 9, 2004 (Prior Fee Amount). The basis for the Prior Fee Amount is set forth in Footnote (3) of the Calculation of Registration Fee table on the cover of Registration Statement No. 333-171596. Taking into account the payment of the current registration fee, in addition to fees paid in connection with prior filings, the registrant will not have any amount remaining available for offset for future registration fees. In accordance with Rule 456(b) and 457(r) under the Securities Act, this Calculation of Registration Fee table shall be deemed to update the Calculation of Registration Fee table in Registration Statement No. 333-171596.

Pricing Supplement No. 1 Filing under Rule 424(b)(5)

dated September 7, 2011 Registration No. 333-171596

(To prospectus dated January 7, 2011

and prospectus supplement dated August 19, 2011)

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY

Secured Medium-Term Notes, Series B

(A Series of First Mortgage Bonds)

and

Unsecured Medium-Term Notes, Series B

Due from One Year to 30 Years from Date of Issue

CUSIP No.: 66765R BZ 8 Stated interest rate: 3.176%

Secured x Unsecured " Maturity date: September 15, 2021

Principal amount: \$50,000,000 Settlement date: September 12, 2011

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Issue price: 100.00% Interest payment dates: March 15 and September 15, commencing

March 15, 2012

Net proceeds to Company: \$49,687,500

Regular record dates: March 1 and September 1 $\,$

Repayable at the option of holder: Yes " No x

Redeemable: Yes x No "

In whole "

In whole or in part x

Repayment price: Not applicable

Fixed redemption price: Yes " No x

Election period: Not applicable

Repayment date: Not applicable

Initial redemption date: Not applicable

Selling agent: UBS Securities LLC

Initial redemption price: Not applicable

Type of transaction: Agent

Reduction percentage: Not applicable

Redemption limitation date: Not applicable

Make-whole redemption price: Yes x No "

Make-whole spread: 0.20%

Use of Proceeds: The Use of Proceeds section of the Prospectus Supplement, dated August 19, 2011, to the Prospectus, dated January 7, 2011, is updated as follows: As of September 6, 2011, NW Natural had approximately \$226,600,000 of short-term indebtedness outstanding, with a weighted average maturity of approximately 37 days and bearing a weighted average interest rate of approximately 0.28%.

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