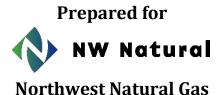
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Applicant's Financial Capability

Mist Resiliency Project August 2024



Prepared by





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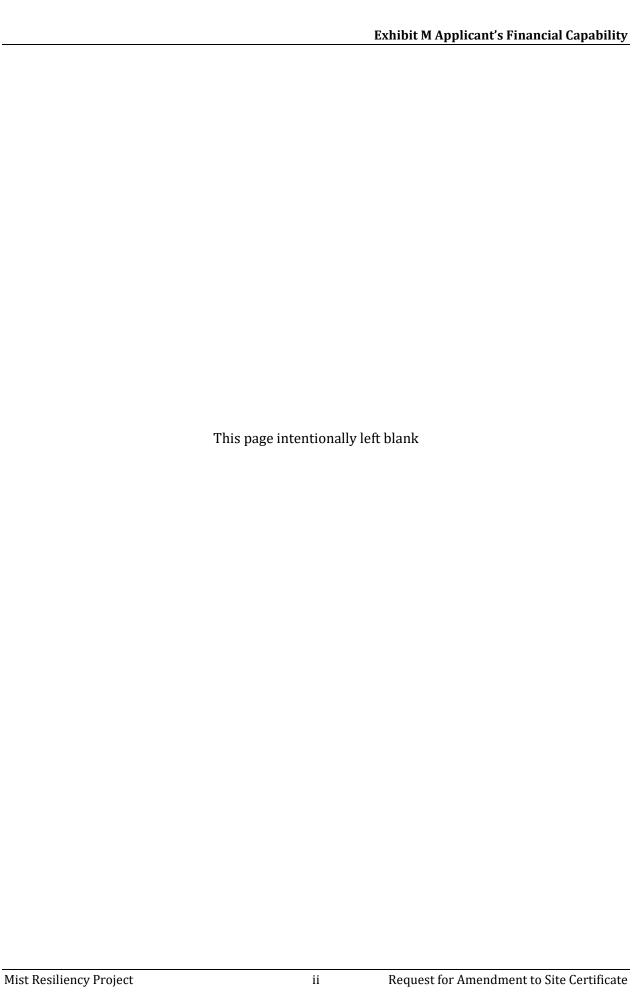
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Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 345-021-0010(1)(m) requires proponents to provide information about the applicant's financial capability. The details normally discussed in this exhibit are included in the Project Description and OAR Division 27 Compliance document, which can be found at the beginning of this Request for Amendment to Site Certificate. However, supplemental information has been provided here regarding the Miller Station Power Line Decommissioning Estimate (Attachment M-1), the Miller Station Decommissioning Estimate (Attachment M-2), the North Mist Compressor Station Decommissioning Estimate (Attachment M-3), the Northwest Natural Gas 2022 Annual Report (Attachment M-4), the Facility Bond Revision (Attachment M-5), and Northwest Natural's Letter from Legal Counsel (Attachment M-6).

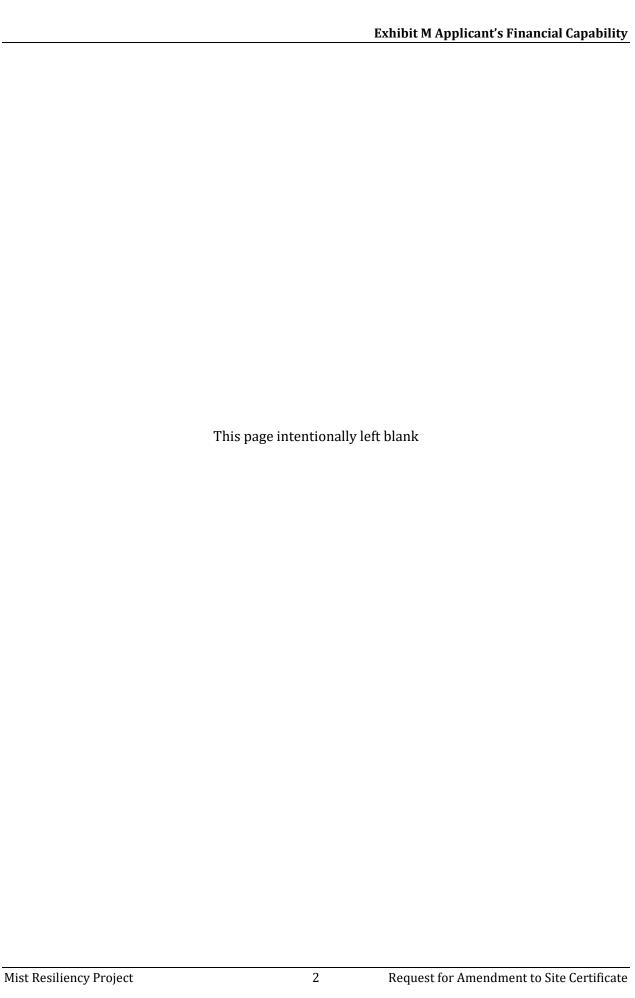
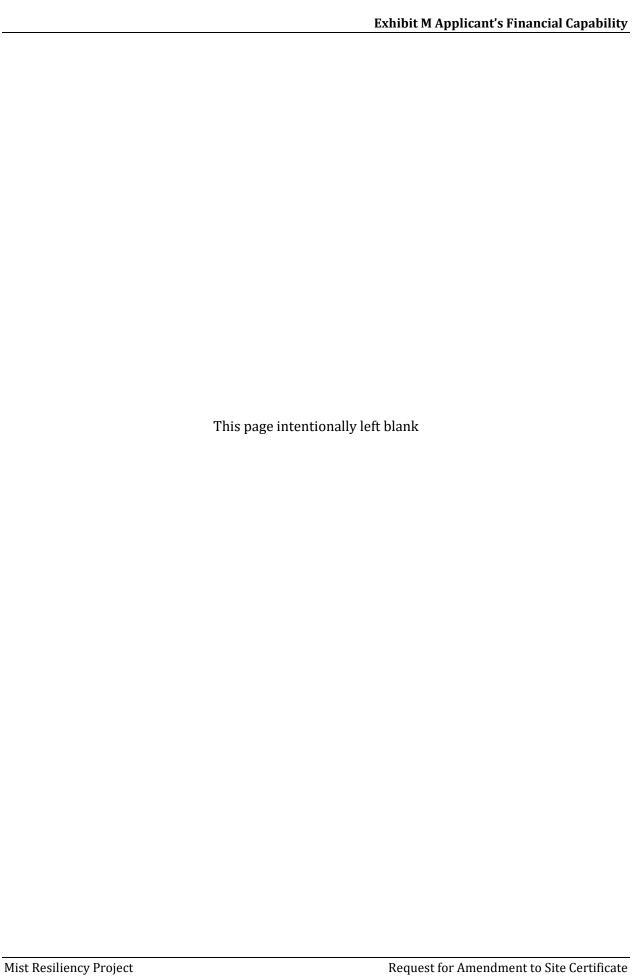


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Attachment M-1. Miller Station Power Line Decommissioning Estimate





Miller Station Power Feed Retirement Costs (High Level)



Northwest Natural (NWN)

157831-BMcD-EST-003

Miller Station Power Feed

Project No. 157831

Revision A

2/15/2024

1.0 HIGH LEVEL RETIREMENT COST

As requested, BMcD has prepared the following explanation of the assumptions used for our estimate of the decommissioning cost (\$1055,952000) for the Miller Station Power Feed. This cost is based in 20234 US Dollars and does not compensate for any potential escalation or inflation between now and the end of the plant's useful lifespan. The total installed cost for the Miller Station Power Feed was issued separately. The TIC estimate includes the basis used to complete the estimate. Due to the nature of this scope this estimate assumes the contractor performing the decommissioning scope will be direct hired and managed by Northwest Natural and any EPC fees or markups are not included in this estimate. Pricing in this estimate was calibrated with estimates provided with the North Mist 01 installation. This was used as a similar project to scale the costs of facility removals.

1.1 Details

Scrap Value of Insulated Copper Wire - \$45,000

The scrap value copper wire will vary based on market pricing at the time of decommissioning. The assumption is that all equipment at the end of a 30-year life cycle will be sold for scrap at the current Portland market rates. The current rate for Insulated Copper Wire averages \$1.75 per Pound. These values do not factor in any pickup fees or trucking costs to move the salvage material to the salvage yard.

Removal cost of Insulated Copper Wire - \$1050,952000

Costs to remove all copper wire and fiber cable and hauled off site. It is expected that the underground raceways and cable splice vaults will be abandoned in place. Removal of electrical equipment is excluded from this cost estimate.

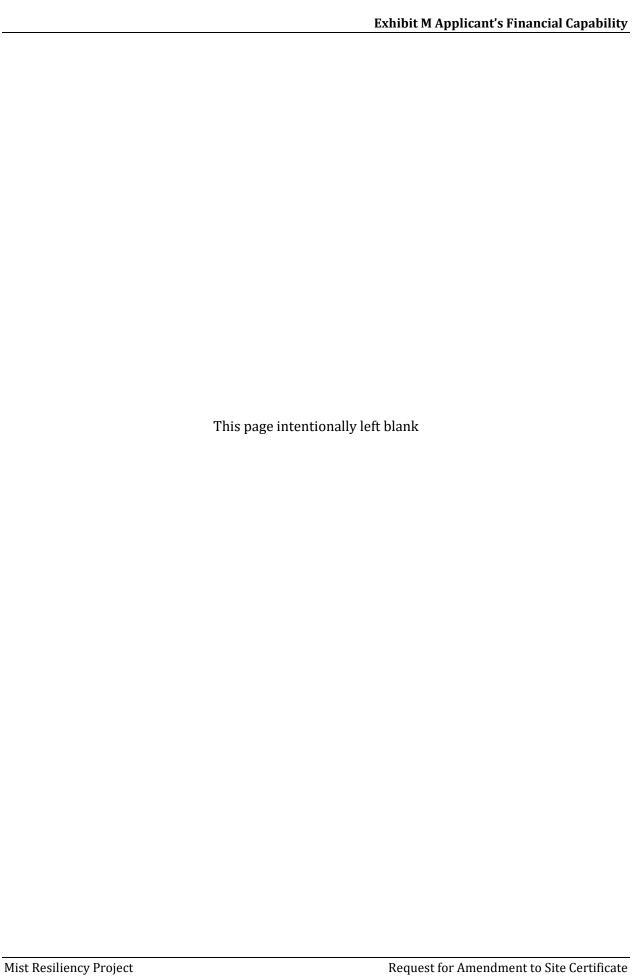
Mobilization/Demobiliza	tion			SubTotal 13112
Office		Months Rate/M	1onth	
	Ofice trailer	0.5	1000	\$ 500
	Office Consumables	0.5	750	\$ 330.00
				SubTotal \$ 830
	Based on Estimated 11 working			
	days (10 Hrs per day) ~15Cal			
Personell	days	# Persons Hours		
	Super	1	110 \$ 130	\$ 14,300
	Forman	1	110 \$ 103	\$ 11,305
	Light Equipment Operator	1	110 \$ 79	\$ 8,639
	Electrician - Journeyman	2	110 \$ 94	\$ 20,684
	Electrician - Apprentice	2	110 \$ 87	\$ 19,206
				SubTotal \$ 74,135
Equipment		Qty Days	\$/Day	
(Includes FOG in Rate)	Skidsteer Loader	1	7 \$ 585	\$ 4,095
	Flatbed Truck	1	7 \$ 460	\$ 3,220
	F250	1	11 \$ 180	\$ 1,980
	F150	1	11 \$ 145	\$ 1,595
	Cable Reel Trailer	1	11 \$ 260	\$ 2,860
				SubTotal \$ 13,750
Misc / Consumables		Qty Days	\$/day \$/DL Hours	
	Small Tools & Supplies (ST&S)		\$ 2.50	\$ 1,925
				SubTotal \$ 1,925
Disposal		QTY Loads	\$/Loads \$/LB	
	MV Cable (Salvage)	26134.5	\$ -	\$ - No Salvage allowed in Estimate
	MV Cable (Pickup Fee)		2 \$ 750	\$ 1,500
	Dump Fees		2 <mark>\$ 350</mark>	\$ 700
				SubTotal \$ 2,200

SUM Sub Total

\$ 105,952



Attachment M-2. Miller Station Decommissioning Estimate





Mist Miller Compressor Unit Retirement Costs (High Level)



Northwest Natural (NWN)

Mist Miller Unit 700 and 800 Project

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1.0 HIGH LEVEL RETIREMENT COST

As requested, Basic Systems, Inc. has prepared the following explanation of the assumptions used for our estimate of the decommissioning cost (\$1,6634850,588000) for the Mist 2.0 Compressor Station. This cost is based in 2023 US Dollars and does not compensate for any potential escalation or inflation between now and the end of the plant's useful lifespan. The total installed cost for the compressor station was issued separately. The TIC estimate includes the basis used to complete the estimate. Pricing in this estimate was calibrated with estimates provided with the North Mist 01 installation. This was used as a similar project to scale the costs of facility removals.

1.1 Details

1.21.1

Scrap Value of Equipment, Pipe, Steel, and Insulated Copper Wire -_ (\$200,000)

The scrap value of all equipment, piping, steel, and copper wire will vary based on market pricing at the time of decommissioning. The assumption is that all equipment at the end of a 30-year life cycle will be sold for scrap at the current Portland market rates. The current rate for Steel is \$133.50 per Ton, Transformers/Electrical Equipment is \$0.19 per Pound, and Insulated Copper Wire averages \$1.75 per Pound.

Removal cost of Equipment, Pipe, Steel, and Insulated Copper Wire - \$1,02900,07800

Costs to remove all mechanical equipment, electrical equipment, process building, pipe racks, platforms, facility piping and any other miscellaneous steel. This assumes that all structural steel, pipe, and copper wire will be cut into smaller pieces that can fit into a dumpster and that all equipment is small enough or will be broken down into smaller pieces that can fit on a standard tractor trailer for transport.

Removal of Foundations - \$5070,192000

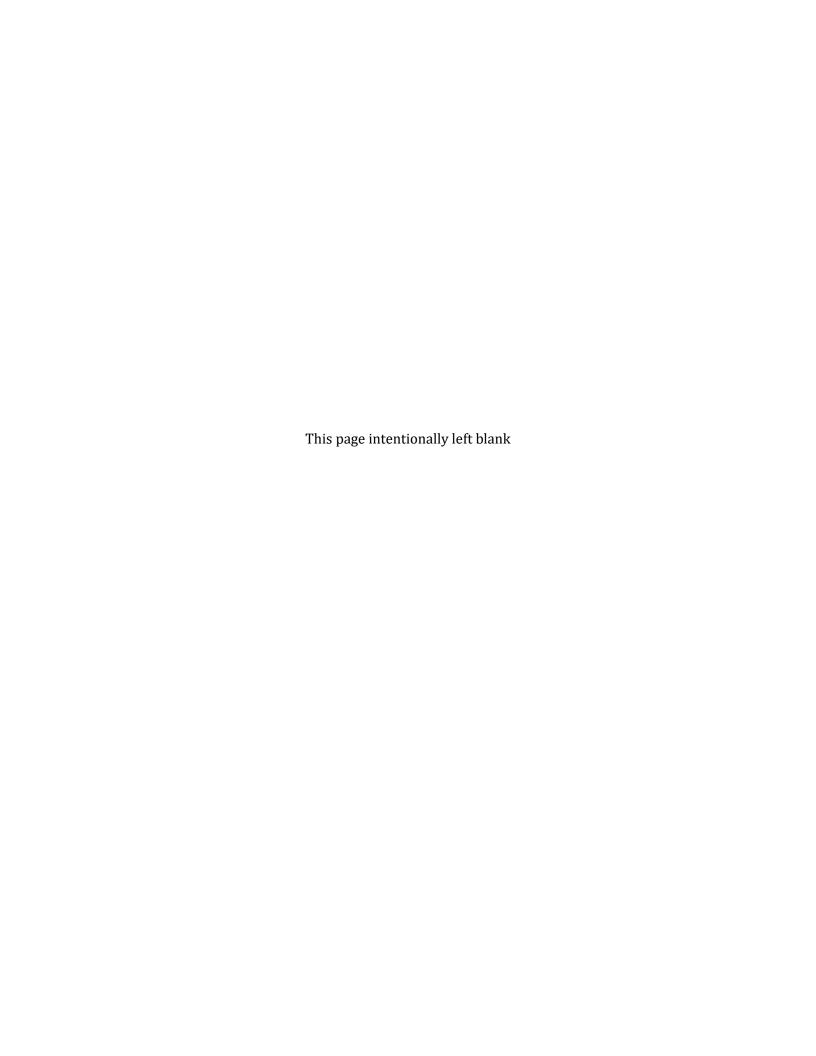
Foundation removal assumes that all foundations that extend above grade will be removed, and the concrete broken down into pieces that can fit into a dumpster that can be hauled off to an appropriate disposal facility. All drilled piers that are more than 1' below

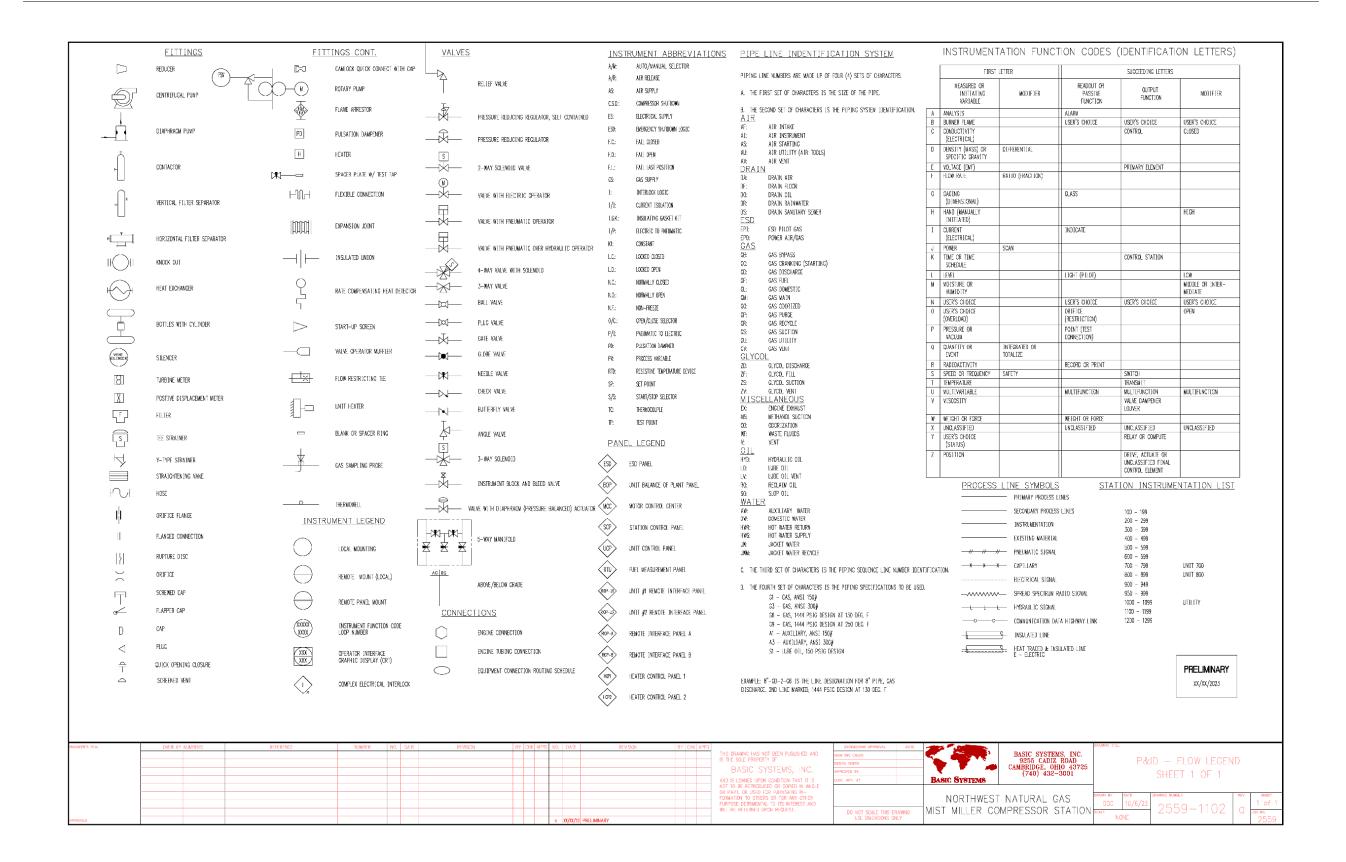
grade will be left in place, and any other drilled piers will be cut/knocked down to 1' below grade. This value does not factor in any trucking costs to move the concrete waste off site.

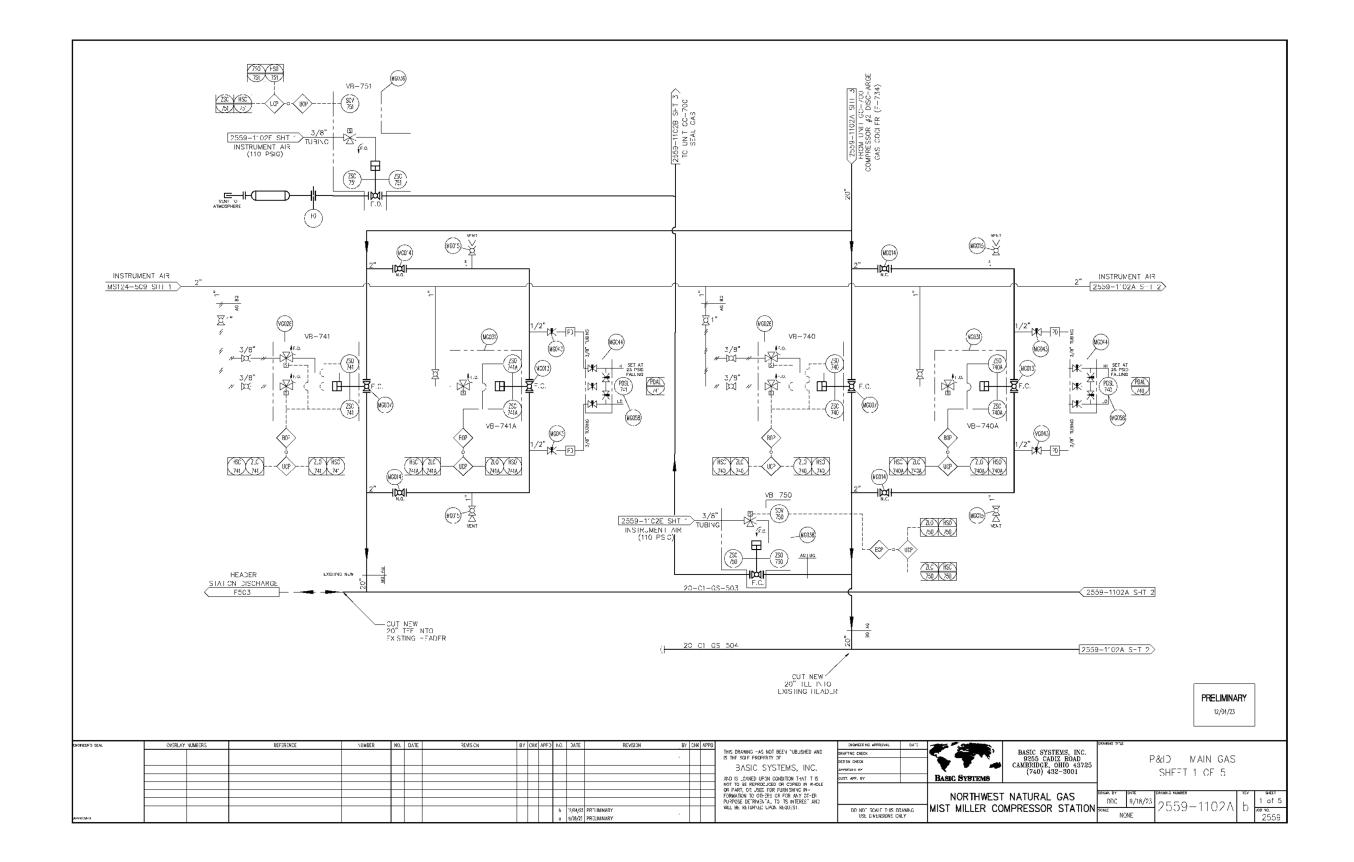
Remove yard stone and hydroseed - \$12750,316000.

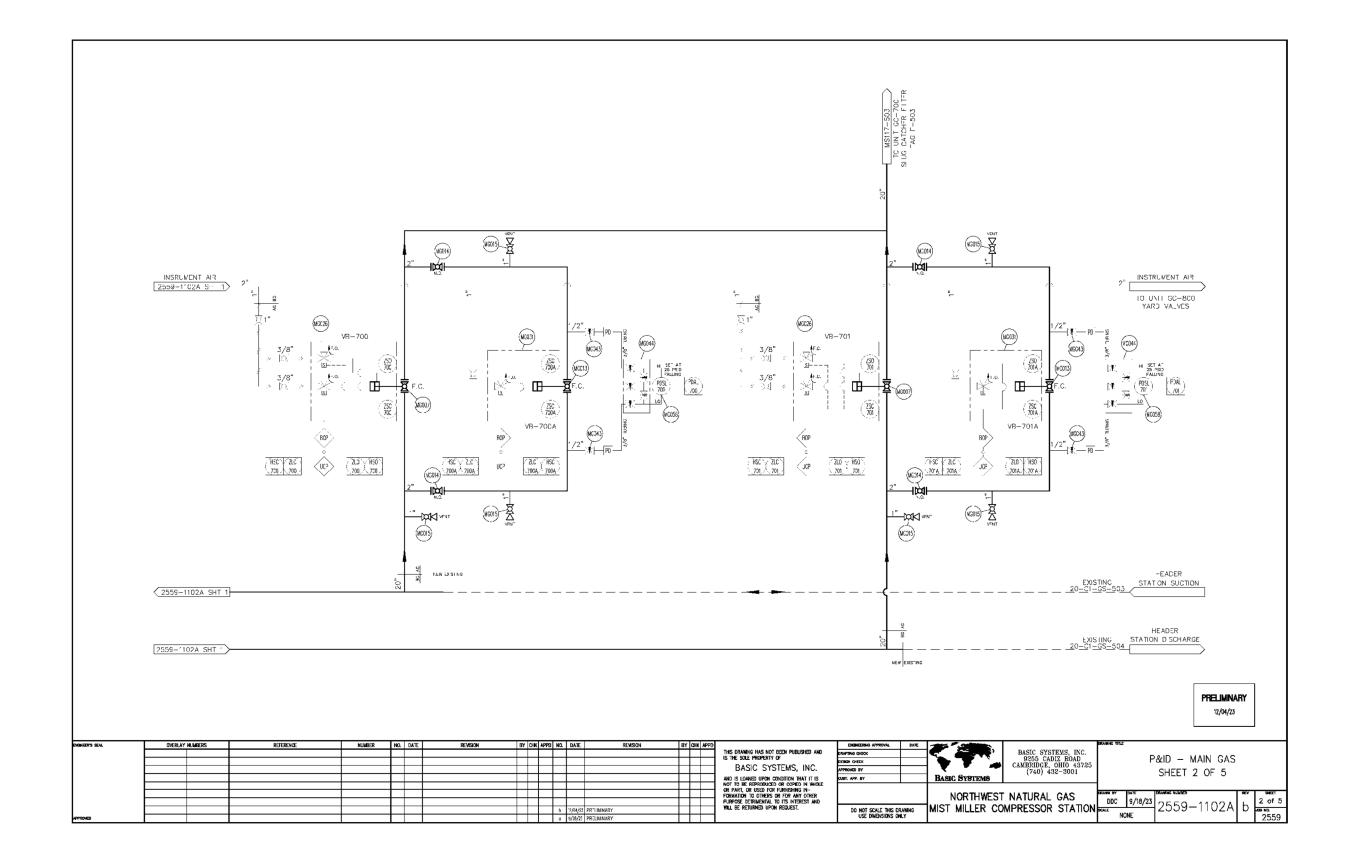
It is assumed that all gravel on site will be removed and hauled off site and the existing soil will be prepped and then hydroseeded. This value does not factor in any trucking costs to move the yard stone off site or to bring in any import soil.

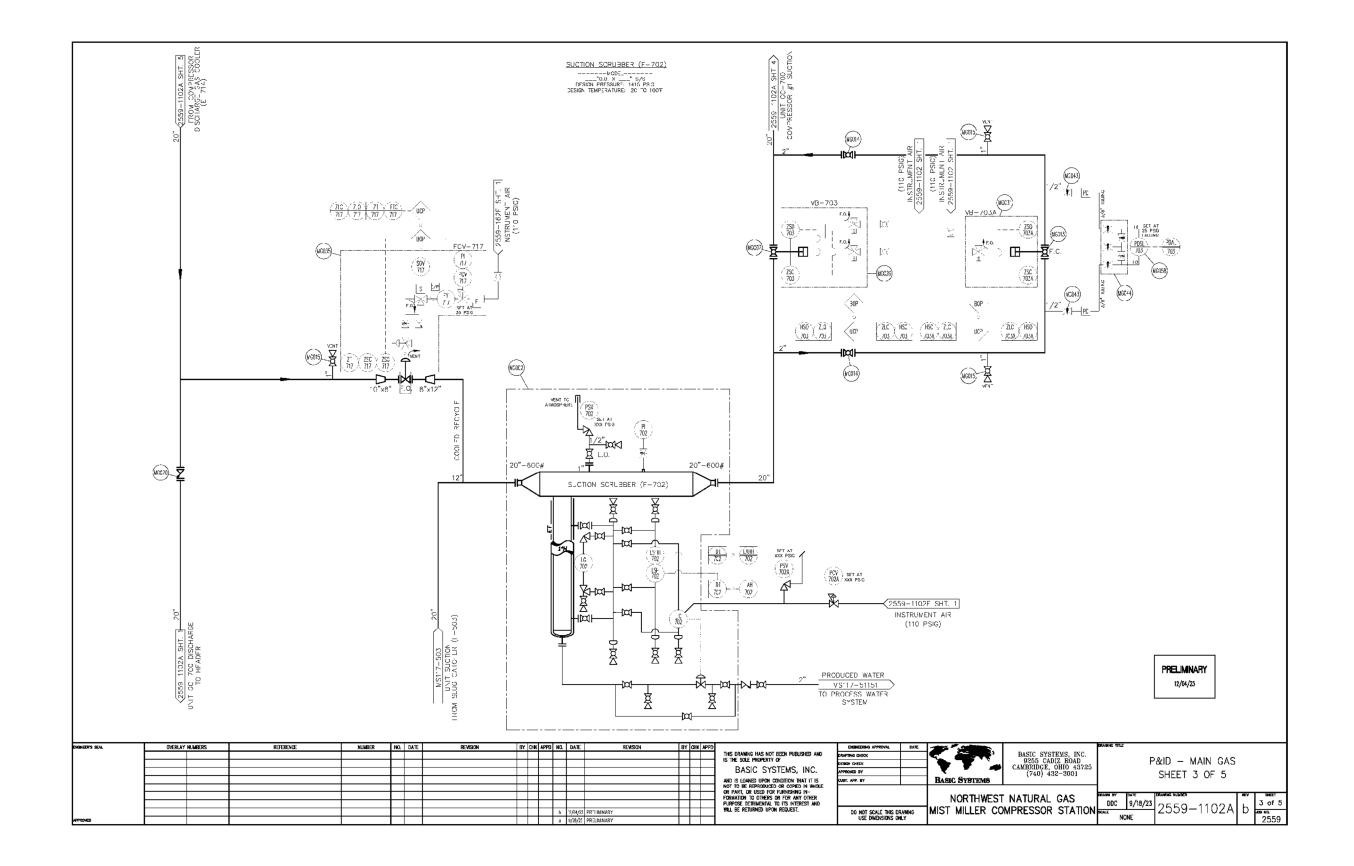
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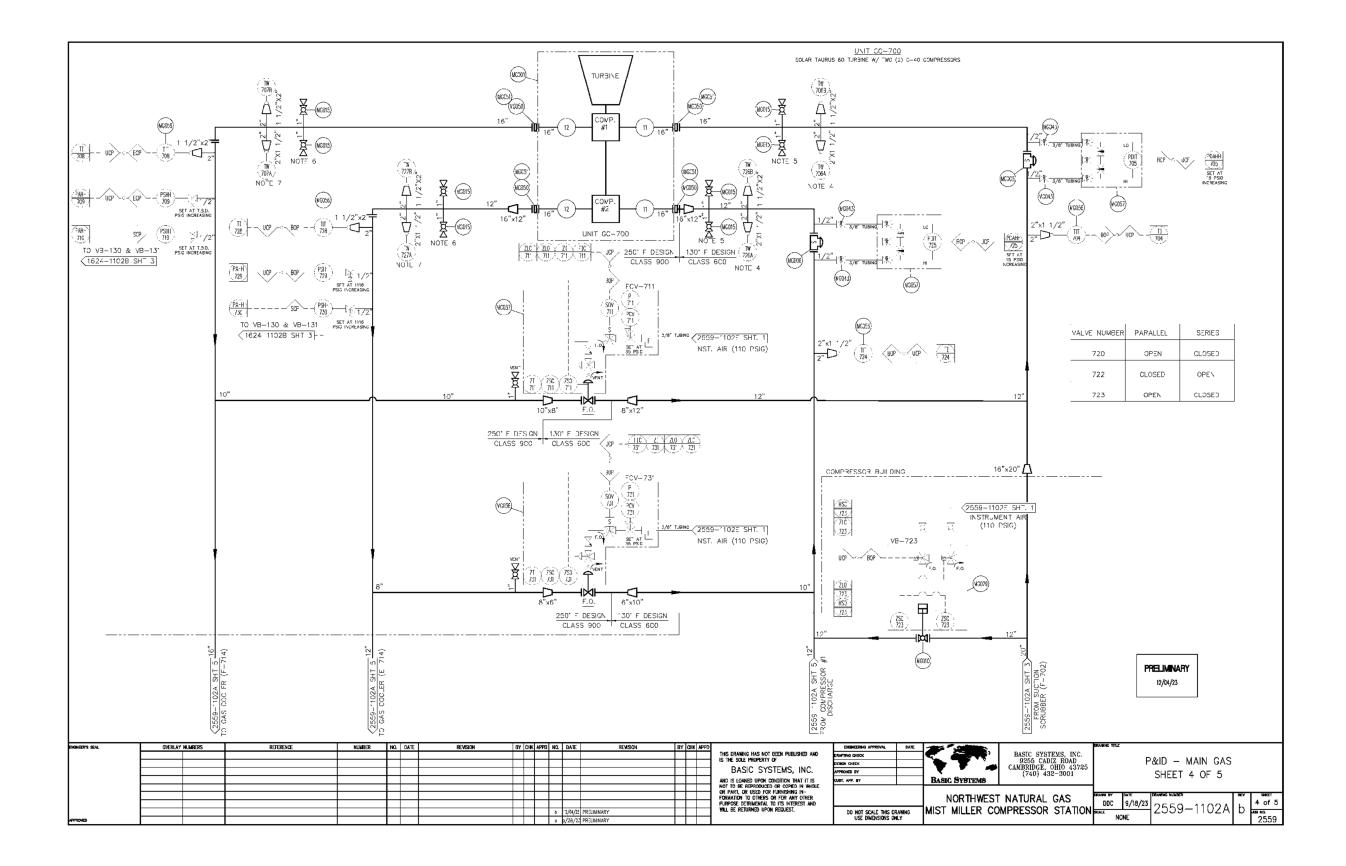


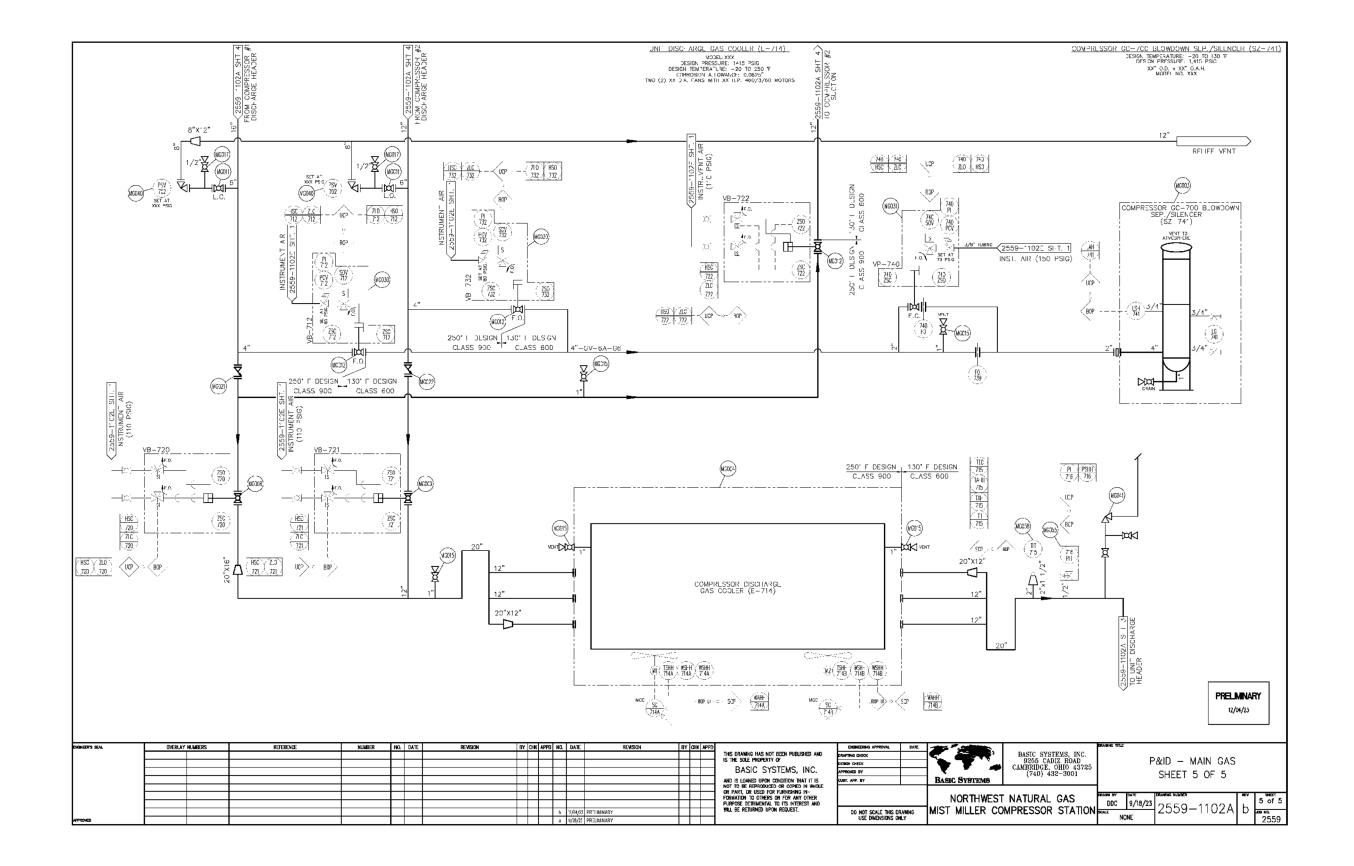


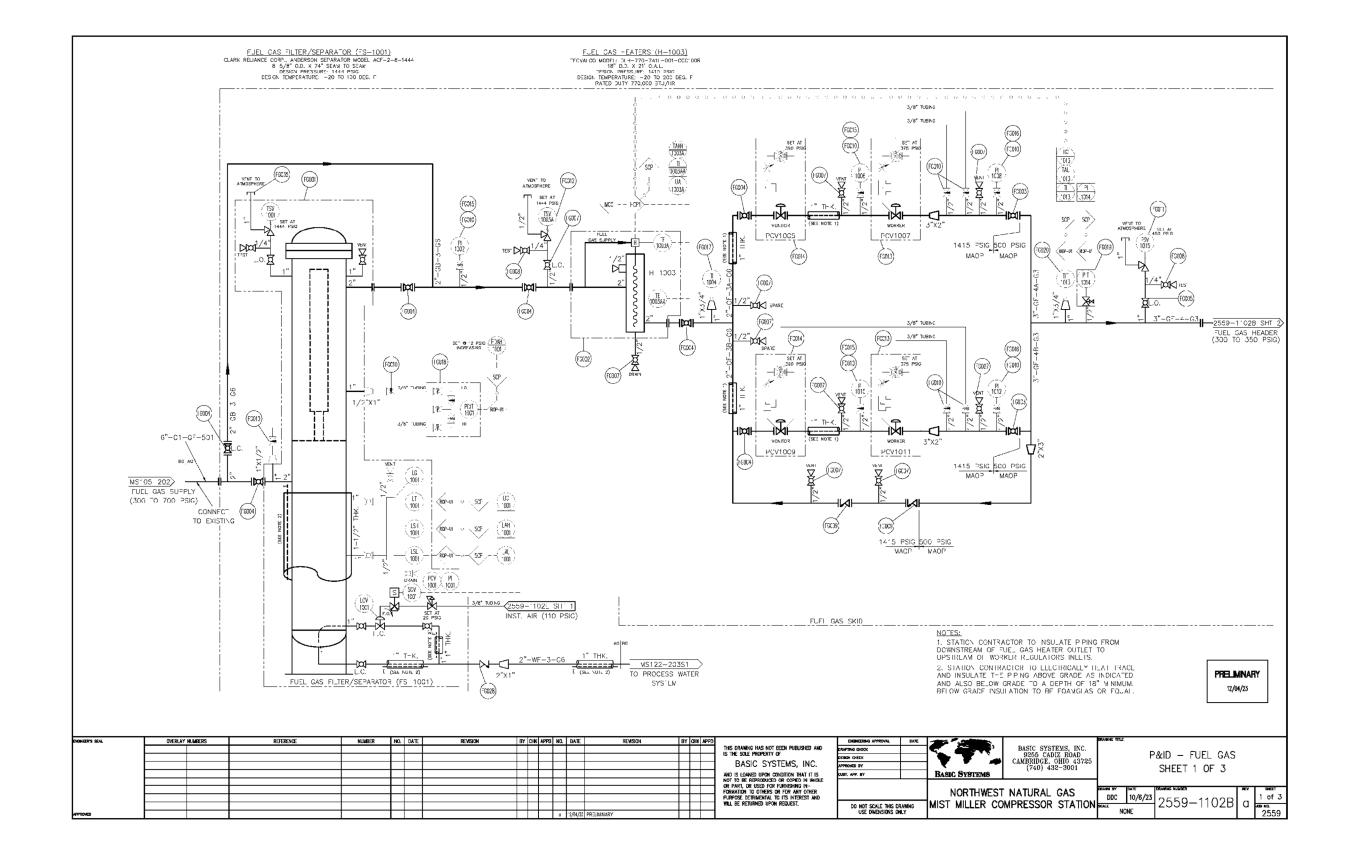


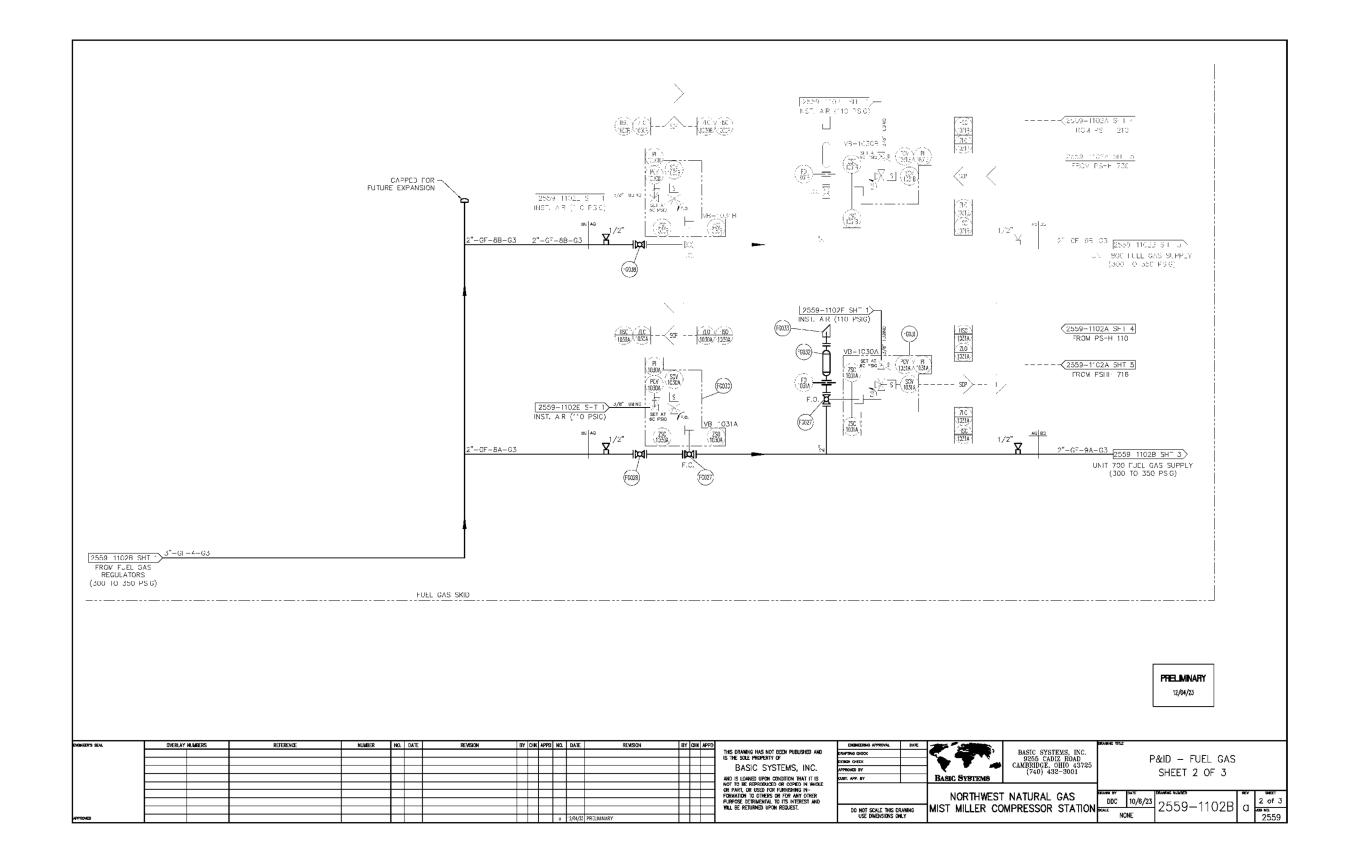


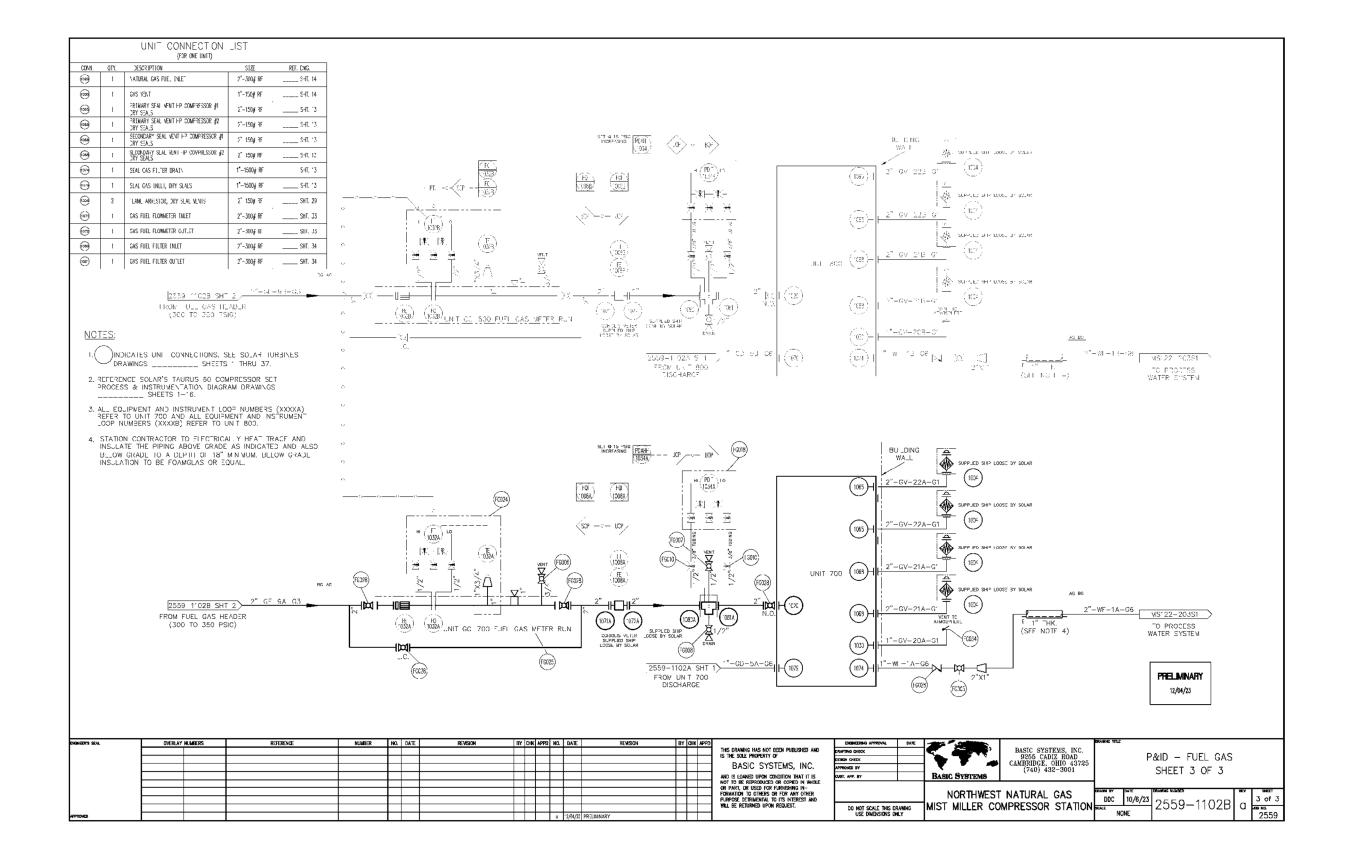


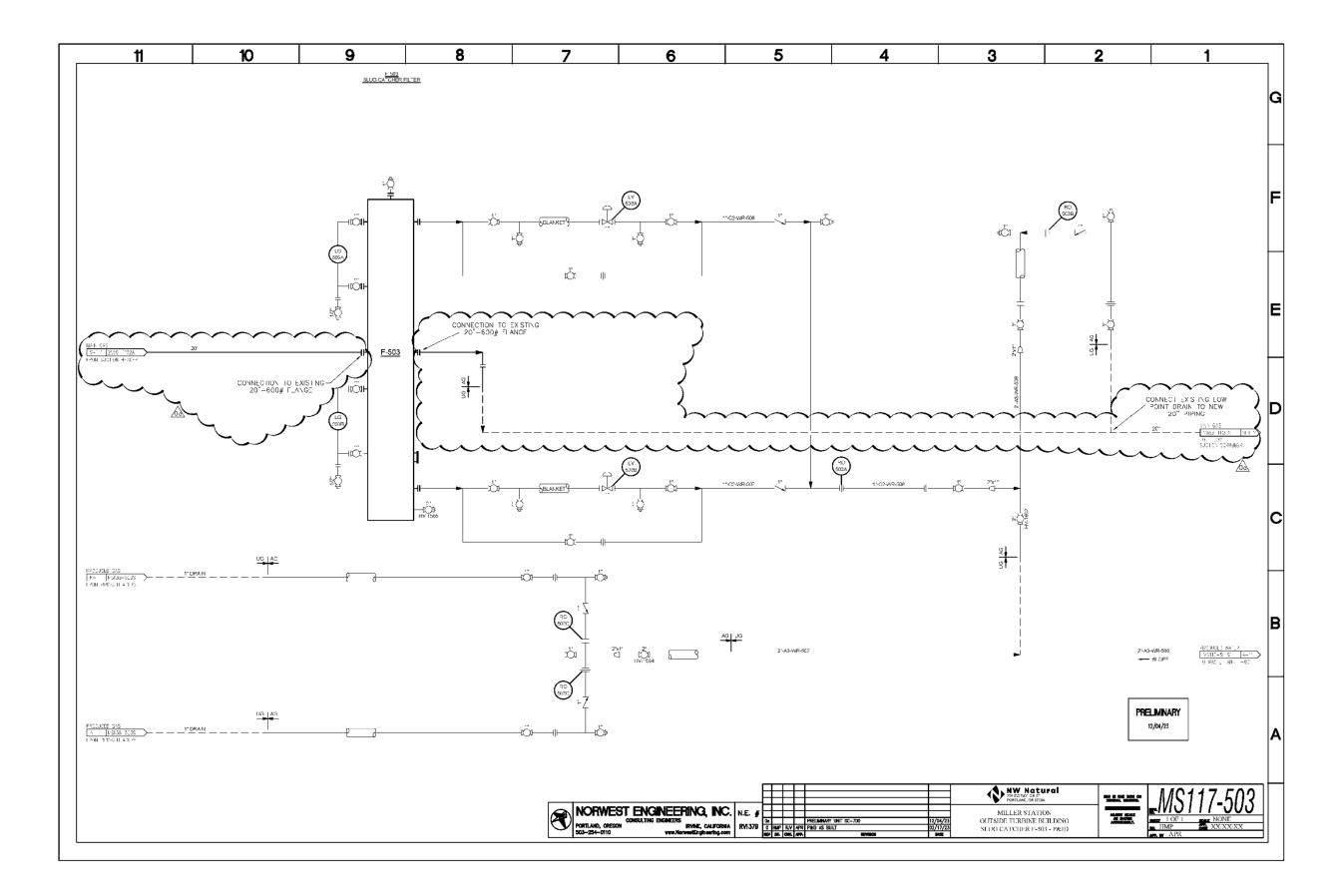


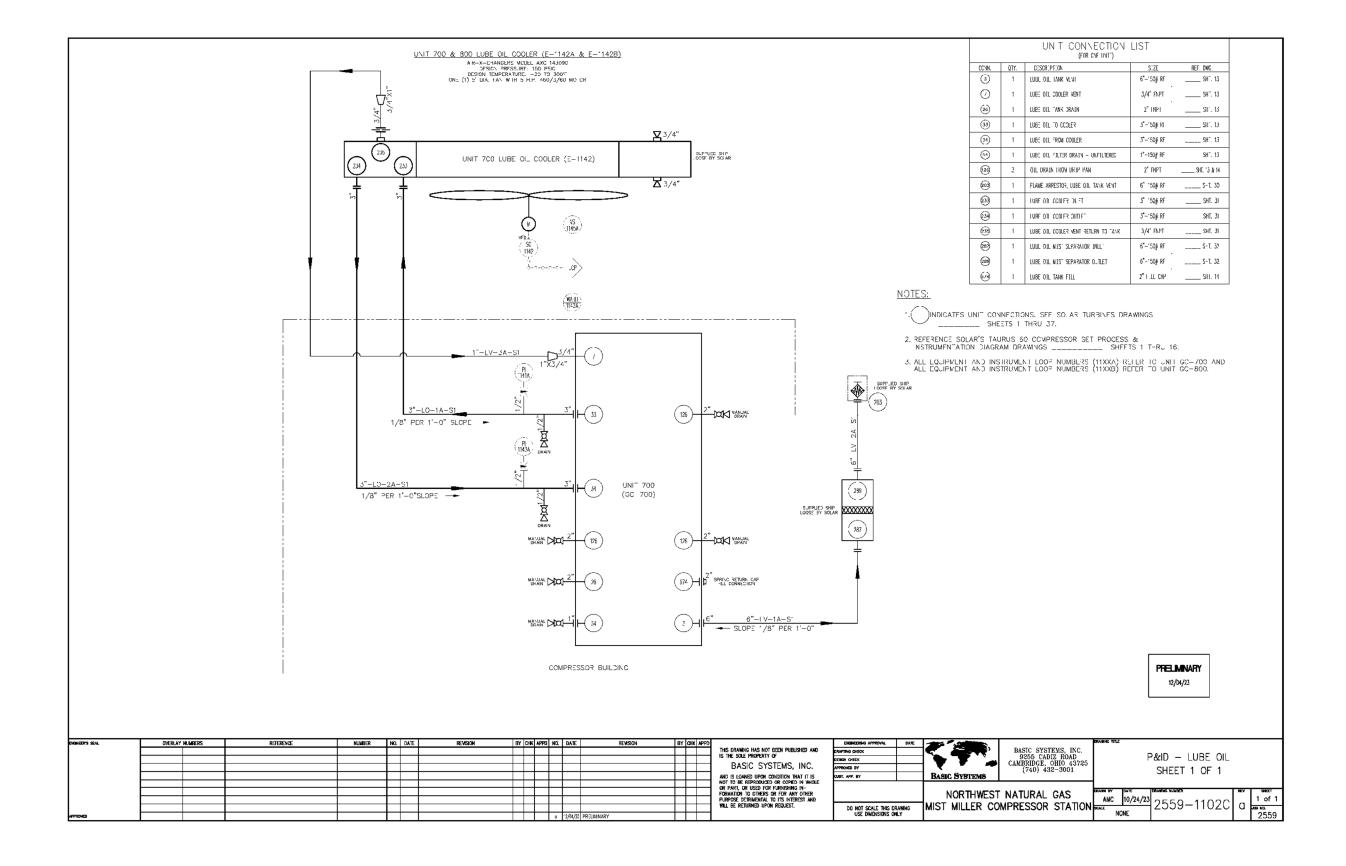


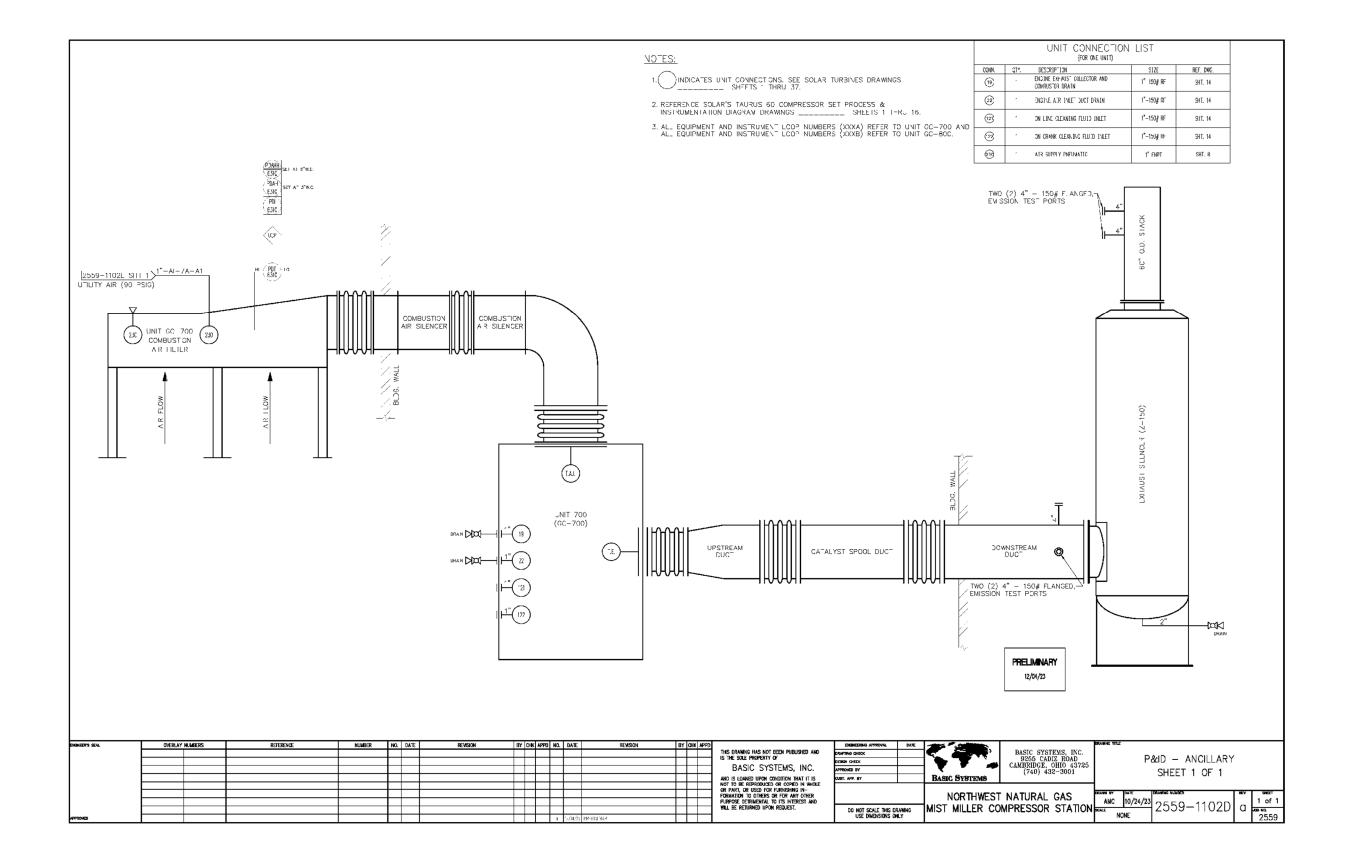


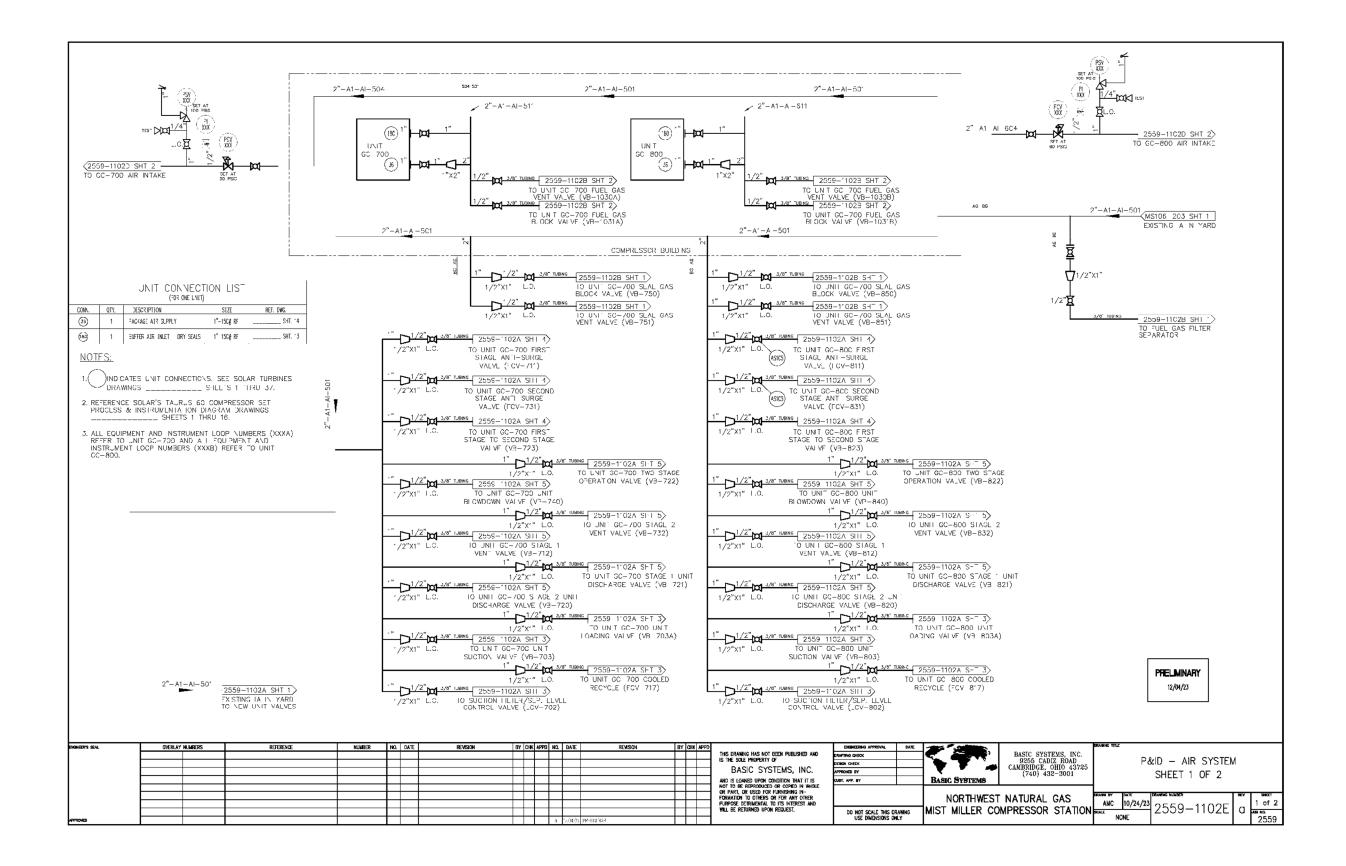


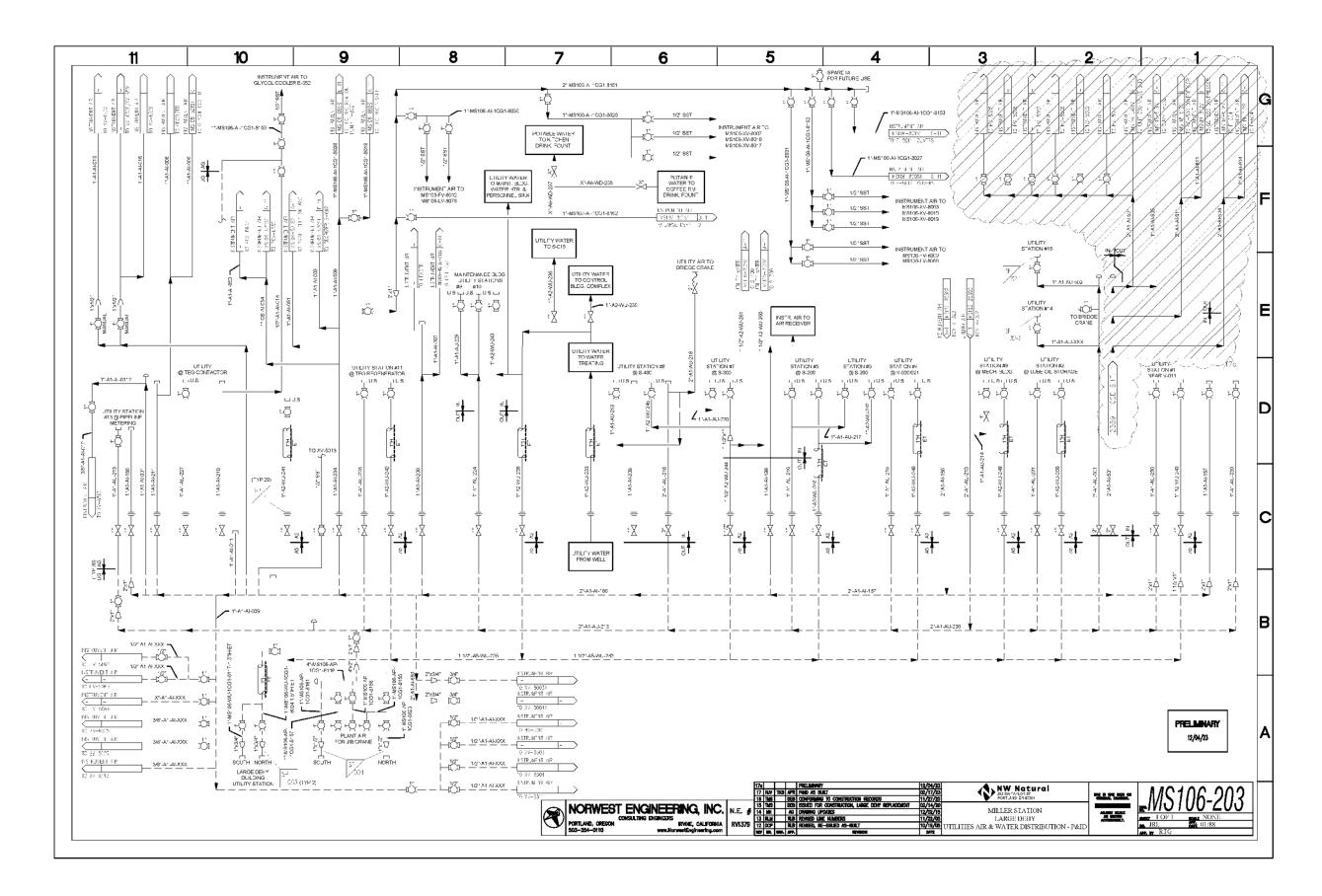


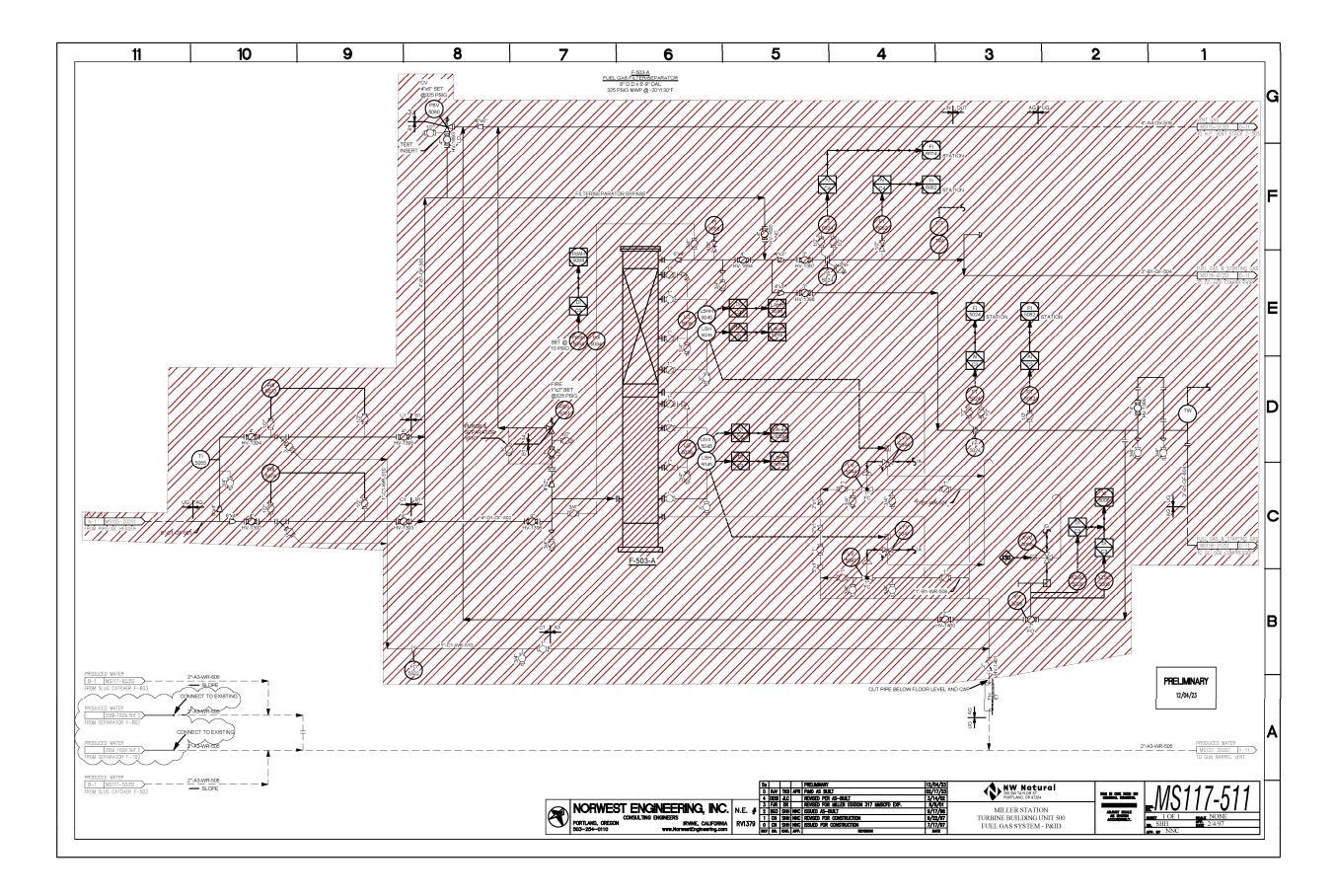


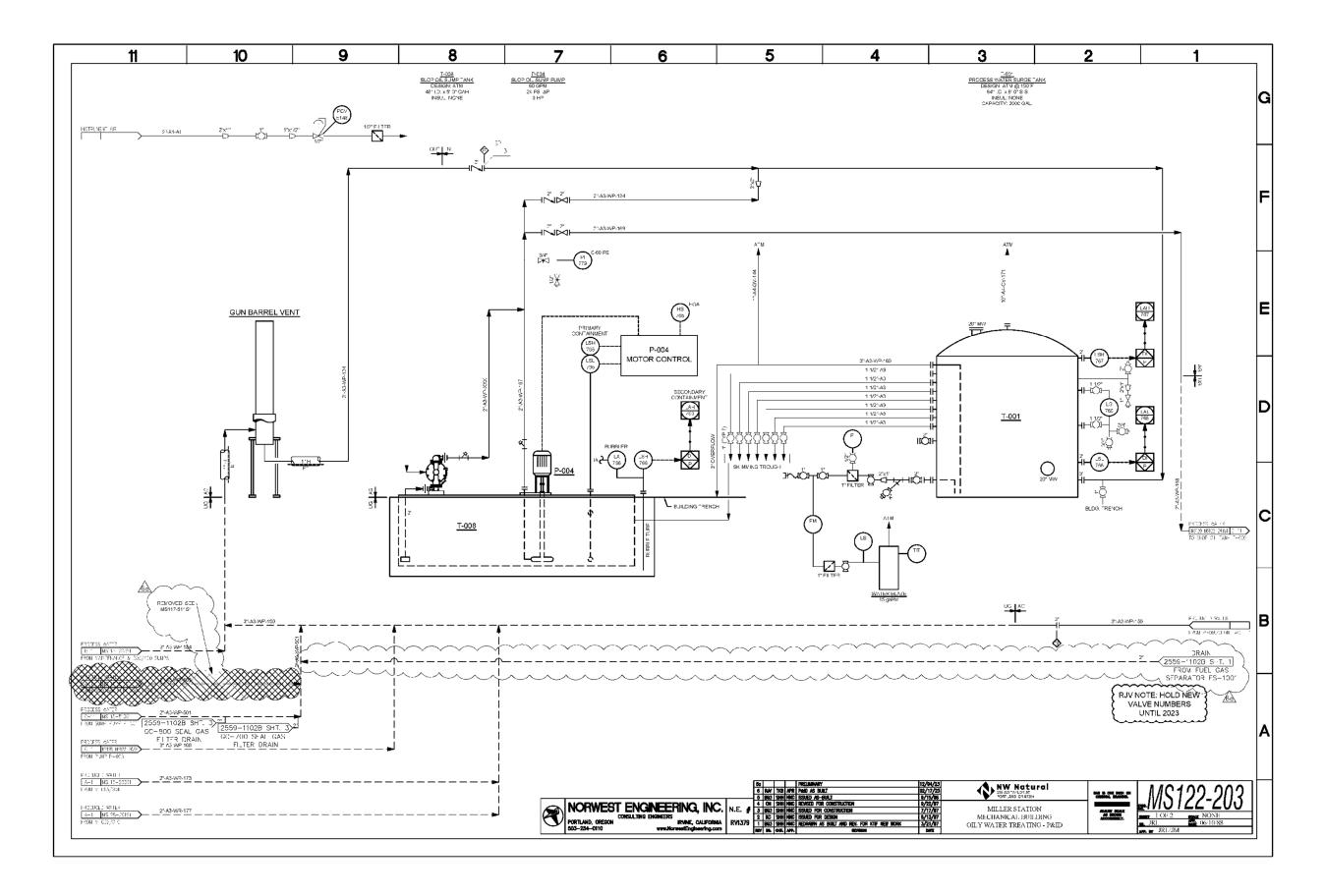


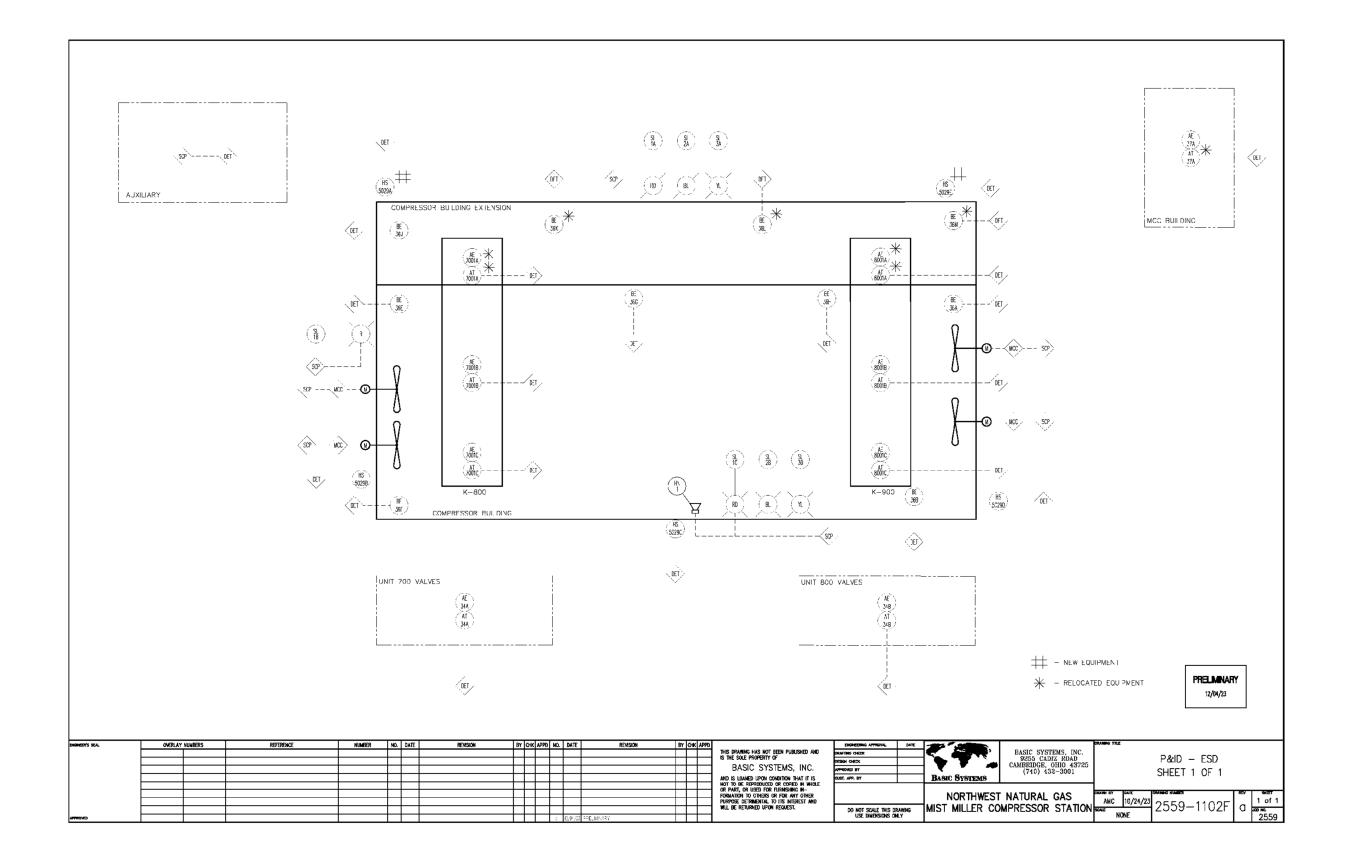












Removal cost of equipment Pipe, steel insulated Copper wire	
Removal of foundations	
Removal Yard stone and hydroseed	

Totals		Days	
\$	1,029,078.75		45
\$	507,192.50		15
\$	127,316.88		5
\$	1,663,588.13		

Mobilization						SubTotal		40000				
Hydrovac		Day 1	\$/Day 12 5	500		SubTotal		66000				
Office	Office trailer Office Consumables	Months		onth 000 750		SubTotal	\$ \$	2,000 1,455.00 3,455			This will be \$0.6/DL Hou	rs
Personell	Based on Estimated 45 working days (10 Hrs per day) ~70Cal days Super Forman Operator Mill Wright Electrician/Controls Labor Welder	# Person:	1 4 4 3 4 2 5 5 6 6 4 4 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6	\$/Ho 450 \$ 450 \$ 450 \$ 150 \$ 175 \$ 450 \$	150 120 120 120 120 120 90 140	SubTotal	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	67,500 54,000 162,000 36,000 42,000 243,000 84,000				
Equipment	Crane Manlift Back Hoe Jack Hammer (BH Attachment) Trenching Machine Weld Rig Service rig Front end Loader F250 F150 Van Trailers (pickup pulled)	Qty	Days 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	\$/Da 6 40 45 40 15 30 4 35 45 45 19	5500 225 650 150 75 200 1000 650 175 150 125 60		\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	33,000 9,000 29,250 6,000 1,125 12,000 4,000 45,500 7,875 6,750 2,375	,	/Mon1 Avg 5250 1200 720 720 900 720 900 900 900 720 900	1,152.50	
Misc / Consumables	Trailer Weld rod cutting wheels shovels/Hand equipment Small Tools & Supplies (ST&S) FOG - Small Misc	Qty	Days 1	\$/da 45	\$/DL Hours 325 \$ 3.75 45.00	SubTotal	\$ \$ \$	9,094 15,030				

Disposal		QTY	loads	\$/Loads		
	Concrete	140		8		\$ -
	Dirt	20		3		\$ -
	Steel	10		3		\$ -
	Equipment (Units)	2		2		\$ -
	Large Equipment (Pipe/Ducting etc.)	2		4		\$ -
	Dump Fees		2	350	_	\$ 7,000
					SubTotal	\$ 7,000

Trucking		Days \$/	/Day		
(Includes Operator)	Twin Axel Dump	15	900		\$ 13,500
	Tractor Trailer	5	3000		\$ 15,000
				SubTotal	\$ 28,500

Note - Assumed 20 CY for misc

SUM Sub Total

\$ 1,029,079

Mobilization		SubTotal 10000
Hydrovac	Day \$/Day 4 5500	SubTotal 22000
Office Office trailer Office Consumables	Months Rate/Month 0.5 1000 0.5 750	\$ 500 \$ 810.00 This will be \$0.6/DL Hours SubTotal \$ 1,310
Based on Estimated 40 working Personell days (10 Hrs per day) ~60Cal days Super Forman Operator Mill Wright Electrician/Controls Labor	# Persons Hours \$/Hour 1	\$ 22,500 \$ 18,000 \$ 162,000 \$ - \$ - \$ 108,000
Welder	0 150 \$ 140 Qty Days \$/Day	\$ - SubTotal \$ 310,500 \$FOG/Mont Avg
Crane Manlift Back Hoe Jack Hammer (BH Attachment) Trenching Machine Weld Rig Service rig Front end Loader F250 F150 Van Trailers (pickup pulled)	1 5 5500 0 10 225 2 15 650 2 15 150 1 1 75 1 0 200 1 5 1000 3 15 650 2 15 175 2 15 150 1 15 125 3 10 60	\$ 27,500
Misc / Consumables Trailer Weld rod cutting wheels shovels/Hand equipment Small Tools & Supplies (ST&S)	Qty Days \$/day \$/DL Hours 1 45 325 \$ 3.75	SubTotal \$ 25,133 \$ 5,063

	FOG - Small Misc				\$ 45.00		\$ 5,445
Disposal		QTY	loa	ds	\$/Loads		
	Concrete		140	20			\$ -
	Dirt		20	10			\$ -
	Steel		10	0			\$ -
	Equipment (Units)		2	0			\$ -
	Large Equipment (Pipe/Ducting etc.)		2	0			\$ -
	Dump Fees			30	350		\$ 10,500
						SubTotal	\$ 10,500
Trucking		Days	\$/D	ay			
(Includes Operato	r Twin Axel Dump		15	900			\$ 13,500
	Tractor Trailer		5	3000			\$ 15,000
						SubTotal	\$ 28,500

SUM Sub Total

\$ 507,193

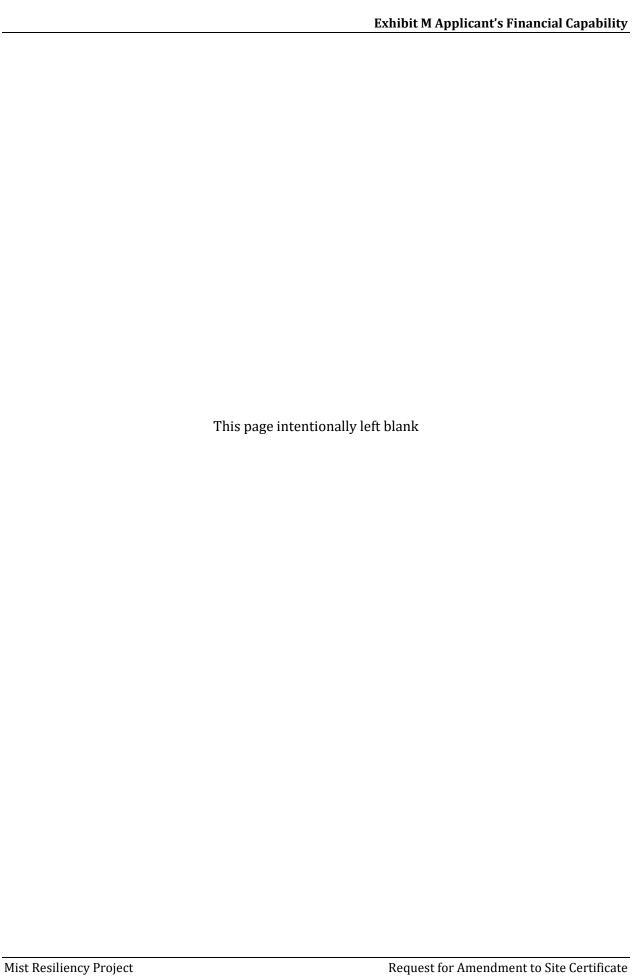
Mobilization		SubTotal 5000
Hydrovac	Day \$/Day 0 5500	SubTotal 0
Office Office trailer Office Consumables	Months Rate/Month 0 1000 0 750	\$ - \$ 210.00 SubTotal \$ 210
Personell days (10 Hrs per day) 7 Cal days Super Forman Operator Mill Wright Electrician/Controls Labor Welder	#Persons Hours \$/Hour 1 50 \$ 150 1 50 \$ 120 3 50 \$ 120 0 50 \$ 120 0 50 \$ 120 4 50 \$ 90 0 50 \$ 140	\$ 7,500 \$ 6,000 \$ 18,000 \$ - \$ 18,000 \$ - SubTotal \$ 49,500
Crane Manlift Back Hoe Jack Hammer (BH Attachment) Trenching Machine Weld Rig Service rig Front end Loader F250 (2 x 4 days, 1 x 5 days) F150 Van Trailers (pickup pulled)	Qty Days \$/Day 0 5 5500 0 5 225 0 5 650 0 1 75 0 0 200 0 5 1000 3 5 650 1 9 175 1 5 150 1 5 125 1 5 60	\$FOG/Month Avg \$ - 5250 \$ - 1200 \$ - 720 \$ - 720 \$ - 900 \$ - 900 \$ - 720 \$ - 900 \$ - 900 \$ 1,575 900 \$ 750 900 \$ 625 720 \$ 300 900 \$SubTotal \$ 13,000
Misc / Consumables Trailer Weld rod cutting wheels shovels/Hand equipment Small Tools & Supplies (ST&S)	Qty Days \$/day \$/DL Hours 1 45 325 \$ 3.75	SubTotal \$ 19,107 \$ 1,313

	FOG - Small Misc				\$ 57.63		\$
Disposal		QTY	load	S	\$/Loads		
	Concrete		0	0			\$
	Dirt		20	10			\$
	Rock		10	50			\$
	Equipment (Units)		0	0			\$
	Large Equipment (Pipe/Ducting etc.)		0	0			\$
	Dump Fees			60	350		\$
						SubTotal	\$
Trucking		Days	\$/Da	ıy			
(Includes Operator	Twin Axel Dump		5	900			\$
	Tractor Trailer		5	3000			\$
						SubTotal	\$ _

SUM Sub Total

\$ 127,317

Attachment M-3. North Mist Compressor Station Decommissioning Estimate





North Mist 2.0, Wellpads and Laterals Retirement Costs (High Level)



Northwest Natural (NWN)

157831-BMcD-EST-002

North Mist 2 FEED Project

Project No. 157831

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1.0 HIGH LEVEL RETIREMENT COST

As requested, BMcD has prepared the following explanation of the assumptions used for our estimate of the decommissioning cost (\$6,550000) 6,473,859 for the Mist 2.0 Compressor Station. This cost is based in 2023 US Dollars and does not compensate for any potential escalation or inflation between now and the end of the plant's useful lifespan. The total installed cost for the compressor station, wellpads and laterals was issued separately. The TIC estimate includes the basis used to complete the estimate. Pricing in this estimate was calibrated with estimates provided with the North Mist 01 installation. This was used as a similar project to scale the costs of facility removals.

1.1 Details

Scrap Value of Equipment, Pipe, Steel, and Insulated Copper Wire - \$200,000

The scrap value of all equipment, piping, steel, and copper wire will vary based on market pricing at the time of decommissioning. The assumption is that all equipment at the end of a 30-year life cycle will be sold for scrap at the current Portland market rates. The current rate for Steel is \$133.50 per Ton, Transformers/Electrical Equipment is \$0.19 per Pound, and Insulated Copper Wire averages \$1.75 per Pound. These values do not factor in any pickup fees or trucking costs to move the salvage material to the salvage yard.

 Removal cost of Equipment, Pipe, Steel, and Insulated Copper Wire -\$4,572,283\$4,500,000

Costs to remove all mechanical equipment, electrical equipment, process building, pipe racks, platforms, facility piping and any other miscellaneous steel. This assumes that all structural steel, pipe, and copper wire will be cut into smaller pieces that can fit into a dumpster and that all equipment is small enough or will be broken down into smaller pieces that can fit on a standard tractor trailer for transport.

Removal of Foundations - \$508,720\$500,000

Foundation removal assumes that all foundations that extend above grade will be removed, and the concrete broken down into pieces that can fit into a dumpster that can be hauled off to an appropriate disposal facility. All drilled piers that are more than 1' below

grade will be left in place, and any other drilled piers will be cut/knocked down to 1' below grade. This value does not factor in any trucking costs to move the concrete waste off site.

Remove yard stone and hydroseed - \$127,316.\$150,000.

It is assumed that all gravel on site will be removed and hauled off site and the existing soil will be prepped and then hydroseeded. This value does not factor in any trucking costs to move the yard stone off site or to bring in any import soil.

Decommission of Surface equipment at the wellpads & Pipeline - \$1,265,539\$1,200,000

The decommissioning of the surface equipment at the wellpads and pipelines includes removal of the Newton, Stegosaur, and Medicine equipment, purging the pipelines, and abandon in place.

2.0 PROCESS FLOW DIAGRAMS (STATION, WELLPADS AND LATERALS)

Removal of equipment cost pipe steel and insulated copper wire	Totals		Days
Control room	\$	458,923.38	15
Compressor building	\$	1,588,389.63	45
Dehy	\$	1,124,423.63	30
Piping/Filters and associated equipment	\$	1,400,546.88	40
Sub Total	\$	4,572,283.50	•
Decommission of surface equipment at the wellpads and pipeline			
Newton Removal	\$	421,846.38	15
Stegasoaur Removal	\$	421,846.38	15
Medicine Removal	\$	421,846.38	15
Sub Total	\$	1,265,539.13	•
Removal of foundations	\$	508,720.13	15
Removal of yard stone and Hydro Seed	\$	127,316.88	5
	\$	6,473,859.63	

Mobilization							SubTotal		45000			
Hydrovac		Day !	\$/Day 5	<mark>5500</mark>			SubTotal		27500			
Office		Months	Rate/Mon									
	Ofice trailer	1.		1000				\$	1,500			
	Office Consumables	1.	5	750			SubTotal	\$ \$	1,200.00 2,700		This will be \$0.6/DL Hours	
	Based on Estimated 30 working days (10 Hrs per day) ~45Cal											
Personell	days	# Persons	Hours	\$/	Hour							
	Super	:	Ĺ	300 \$	150			\$	45,000			
	Forman		1	300 \$	120			\$	36,000			
	Operator	!	5	300 \$	120			\$	180,000			
	Mill Wright	2	2	200 \$	120			\$	48,000			
	Electrician/Controls	2	2	300 \$				\$	72,000			
	Labor	(6	300 \$				\$	162,000			
	Welder	4	1	300 \$	140			\$	168,000			
							SubTotal	\$	711,000			
Equipment		Qty	Days	\$/	Day					\$FOG/Mont	Avg	
	Crane		1	5	5500)		\$	27,500	5250		
								т.				
	Manlift	:	1	30	225	5		\$	6,750	1200		
	Manlift Back Hoe	!	5	30 30	225 650	5			6,750 97,500	1200 720		
	Manlift Back Hoe Jack Hammer (BH Attachment)	!	=	30 30 30	225 650 150	5))		\$ \$	6,750	1200 720 720		
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Disposal		QTY	loads	\$	/Loads		
	Concrete	20	0	25			\$ -
	Dirt	2	0	5			\$ -
	Steel	3	0	15			\$ -
	Equipment	1	5	15			\$ -
	Large Equipment (Pipe/Ducting et	1	0	8			\$ -
	Dump Fees			68	350		\$ 23,800
	Liquid disposal fees (Tankers)			6	3000		\$ 18,000
						SubTotal	\$ 23,800
Trucking	1	Days	\$/Day				
(Includes Operator)	Twin Axel Dump	5	3	900			\$ 47,700
	Tractor Trailer		5	3000			\$ 15,000
	Tanker		5	4500			\$ 22,500
						SubTotal	\$ 85,200

Note - Assumed 20 CY for misc

SUM Sub Total

\$ 1,124,424

Mobilization		SubTotal 30000
Hydrovac	Day \$/Day 5 5500	SubTotal 27500
Office Office trailer Office Consumables	Months Rate/Month 0.5 1000 0.5 750	\$ 500 \$ 570.00 This will be \$0.6/DL Hours
Based on Estimated 15 working days (10 Hrs pe Personell day) ~21Cal days Super	er #Persons Hours \$/Hour 1 150 \$ 150	SubTotal \$ 1,070
Forman Operator Mill Wright Electrician/Controls Labor Welder	1 150 \$ 120 5 150 \$ 120 2 100 \$ 120 3 150 \$ 120 5 150 \$ 90 2 100 \$ 140	\$ 18,000 \$ 90,000 \$ 24,000 \$ 54,000 \$ 67,500 \$ 28,000
Equipment Crane Manlift	Qty Days \$/Day 0 6 5500 1 10 225	SubTotal \$304,000 \$FOG/Mont Avg \$ - 5250 \$ 1,152.50 \$ 2,250 \$ 1200
Back Hoe Jack Hammer (BH Attachment) Trenching Machine Weld Rig	5 10 650 3 10 150 0 10 75 2 10 200	\$ 2,230 \$ 32,500 \$ 4,500 \$ - \$ 900 \$ 4,000 \$ 720
Service rig Front end Loader F250 F150	1 1 1000 1 10 650 1 10 175 1 10 150	\$ 1,000 \$ 6,500 \$ 1,750 \$ 1,500
Van Trailers (pickup pulled)	1 10 125 1 10 60	\$ 1,250 720 900 SubTotal \$ 55,250
Misc / Consumables Trailer Weld rod cutting wheels shovels/Hand equipment Small Tools & Supplies (ST&S) FOG - Small Misc	Qty Days \$/day \$/DL Hours 1 45 325 \$ 3.75 \$ 57.63	\$ 24,353 \$ 3,563 \$ 6,166

Disposal		QTY	loads	s \$/	Loads		
	Concrete		50	5			\$ -
	Dirt		20	1			\$ -
	Steel		10	5			\$ -
	Equipment (Units)		2	0			\$ -
	Large Equipment (Pipe/Ducting etc.)		2	0			\$ -
	Dump Fees			11	350		\$ 3,850
						SubTotal	\$ 3,850
Trucking		Days	\$/Da	у			
(Includes Operator	r) Twin Axel Dump		11	900			\$ 9,900
	Tractor Trailer		1	3000			\$ 3,000
						SubTotal	\$ 12,900

SUM Sub Total

\$ 458,923

Mobilization			SubTotal 44225	
Hydrovac		Day \$/Day 11 5500	SubTotal 60500	
Office	Ofice trailer Office Consumables Based on Estimated 40 working days (10 Hrs per day) ~60Cal	Months Rate/Month 2 1000 2 750	\$ 2,000 \$ 1,530.00 SubTotal \$ 3,530	This will be \$0.6/DL Hours
Personell	days Super Forman Operator Mill Wright Electrician/Controls Labor Welder	# Persons Hours \$/Hour 1	\$ 67,500 \$ 54,000 \$ 270,000 \$ 36,000 \$ 36,000 \$ 405,000 \$ 189,000 SubTotal \$ 1,057,500	
Equipment	Crane Manlift Back Hoe Jack Hammer (BH Attachment) Trenching Machine Weld Rig Service rig Front end Loader F250 F150 Van Trailers (pickup pulled)	Qty Days \$/Day 1 6 5500 2 45 225 5 45 650 1 45 150 75 3 45 200 1 6 1000 2 35 650 1 45 175 1 45 150 2 20 125 2 20 60	\$ 33,000 \$ 20,250 \$ 146,250 \$ 6,750 \$ - \$ 27,000 \$ 6,000 \$ 45,500 \$ 7,875 \$ 6,750 \$ 5,000	\$FOG/Mont Avg 5250 1200 720 720 900 720 900 900 900 900 900 900 900 900 900
Misc / Consumables	Trailer Weld rod cutting wheels shovels/Hand equipment Small Tools & Supplies (ST&S)	Qty Days \$/day \$/DL Hours 1 45 325 \$ 3.75	\$ 44,760 \$ 9,563	

	FOG - Small Misc				\$ 57.63		\$ 20,572
Disposal		QTY	lo	oads	\$/Loads		
•	Concrete	-	250	28			\$ -
	Dirt		20	2			\$ -
	Steel		30	6			\$ -
	Equipment (Units)		3	3			\$ -
	Large Equipment (Pipe/Ducting et	()	3	3			\$ -
	Dump Fees			42	350		\$ 14,700
						SubTotal	\$ 14,700
Trucking		Days	\$,	/Day			
(Includes Operator)	Twin Axel Dump	_	32	900			\$ 28,800
	Tractor Trailer		10	3000			\$ 30,000
						SubTotal	\$ 58,800

SUM Sub Total

1,588,390

Mobilization		SubTotal 45000	
Hydrovac	Day \$/Day 15 5500	SubTotal 82500	
Office Office trailer Office Consumables Based on Estimated 40 working days (10 Hrs per	Months Rate/Month 2 1000 2 750	\$ 2,000 \$ 1,275.00 SubTotal \$ 3,275	This will be \$0.6/DL Hours
Personell ~60Cal days Super Forman Operator Mill Wright Electrician/Controls Labor Welder	# Persons Hours \$/Hour 1 400 \$ 150 1 400 \$ 120 5 400 \$ 120 2 150 \$ 120 3 175 \$ 120 12 400 \$ 90 3 200 \$ 140	\$ 60,000 \$ 48,000 \$ 240,000 \$ 36,000 \$ 63,000 \$ 432,000 \$ 84,000	
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Misc / Consumables Trailer Weld rod cutting wheels shovels/Hand equipme Small Tools & Supplies FOG - Small Misc		\$ 41,322 \$ 7,969 \$ 18,728	

Disposal		QTY	loads	\$/Loads		
	Concrete	140)	8		\$ -
	Dirt	20)	3		\$ -
	Steel	10)	3		\$ -
	Equipment (Units)	2		2		\$ -
	Large Equipment (Pipe/Ductin	. 2		1		\$ -
	Dump Fees		1	.7 350		\$ 5,950
					SubTotal	\$ 5,950
Trucking		Days	\$/Day			
(Includes Operator)	Twin Axel Dump	15	90	00		\$ 13,500
	Tractor Trailer	5	300	00		\$ 15,000
					SubTotal	\$ 28,500

SUM Sub Total

\$ 1,400,547

Mobilization				SubTotal 10000	
Hydrovac		Day \$/Da	ay - <mark>5500</mark>	SubTotal 27500	
Office	Ofice trailer Office Consumables	Months Rate 0.5 0.5	/Month 1000 750	\$ 500 \$ 810.00 SubTotal \$ 1,310	This will be \$0.6/DL Hours
Personell	Based on Estimated 40 working days (10 Hrs per day) ~20Cal days				
	Super Forman	1 1	150 \$ 150 150 \$ 120	\$ 22,500 \$ 18,000	
	Operator	2	450 \$ 120	\$ 108,000	
	Mill Wright	2	150 \$ 120	\$ 36,000	
	Electrician/Controls	1	150 \$ 120	\$ 18,000	
	Labor	4	150 \$ 90	\$ 54,000	
	Welder	1	150 \$ 140	\$ 21,000	
				SubTotal \$ 277,500	
Equipment		Qty Days	s \$/Day		\$FOG/Month Avg
	Crane	1	2 5500	\$ 11,000	5250
	Manlift	1	10 225	\$ 2,250	1200
	Back Hoe	1	10 650	\$ 6,500	720
	Jack Hammer (BH Attachment)	1	15 150	\$ 2,250	720
	Trenching Machine	1	10 75	\$ 750	900
	Weld Rig	1	10 200	\$ 2,000	720
	Service rig	1	4 1000	\$ 4,000	0 \$ 1,152.50
	Front end Loader	1	15 650	\$ 9,750	900
	F250	1	15 175	\$ 2,625	900
	F150	1	15 150	\$ 2,250	900
	Van	1	15 125	\$ 1,875	720
	Trailers (pickup pulled)	1	10 60	,	900
	, ,			SubTotal \$ 45,250	
Misc / Consuma	bles	Qty Days	s \$/day \$/DL Hours		
	Trailer	1	45 325	SubTotal \$ 27,236	
	Weld rod	1	40 020	σαρτοτατ ψ 27,230	
	cutting wheels				
	shovels/Hand equipment				
	Small Tools & Supplies (ST&S)		\$ 3.75	\$ 5,063	

	FOG - Small Misc				\$ 57.63		\$ 7,549
Disposal		QTY	load	is S	\$/Loads		
	Concrete		140	4			\$ -
	Dirt		20	3			\$ -
	Steel		10	3			\$ -
	Equipment (Units)		2	2			\$ -
	Large Equipment (Pipe/Ducting etc.)		2	1			\$ -
	Dump Fees			13	350		\$ 4,550
						SubTotal	\$ 4,550
Trucking		Days	\$/Da	ay			
(Includes Operato	or Twin Axel Dump		15	900			\$ 13,500
	Tractor Trailer		5	3000			\$ 15,000
						SubTotal	\$ 28,500

SUM Sub Total

\$ 421,846

Mobilization		SubTotal 10000
Hydrovac	Day \$/Day 4 5500	SubTotal 22000
Office Office trailer Office Consumables	Months Rate/Month 0.5 1000 0.5 750	\$ 500 \$ 810.00 This will be \$0.6/DL Hours SubTotal \$ 1,310
Based on Estimated 40 working days (10 Hrs per day) ~60Cal day Super Forman Operator Mill Wright Electrician/Controls Labor Welder	# Persons Hours	\$ 22,500 \$ 18,000 \$ 162,000 \$ - \$ - \$ 108,000 \$ -
Crane Manlift Back Hoe Jack Hammer (BH Attachment) Trenching Machine Weld Rig Service rig Front end Loader F250 F150 Van Trailers (pickup pulled)	Qty Days \$/Day 1 5 5500 0 10 225 2 15 650 2 15 150 1 1 75 1 0 200 1 5 1000 3 15 650 2 15 175 2 15 150 1 15 125 3 10 60	\$ 310,500 \$FOG/Mont Avg \$FOG/Mont Avg \$ 27,500 \$250 \$ - 1200 \$ 19,500 720 \$ 4,500 720 \$ 5,000 0 \$ 29,250 900 \$ 5,250 900 \$ 4,500 900 \$ 1,875 720 \$ 1,800 900 SubTotal \$ 99,250
Misc / Consumables Trailer Weld rod cutting wheels shovels/Hand equipment Small Tools & Supplies (ST&S)	Qty Days \$/day \$/DL Hours 1 45 325 \$ 3.75	SubTotal \$ 26,660 \$ 5,063

	FOG - Small Misc				\$ 57.63		\$ 6,973
Disposal		QTY	lo:	ads	\$/Loads		
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	Dirt		20	10			\$ _
	Steel		10	0			\$ -
	Equipment (Units)		2	0			\$ _
	Large Equipment (Pipe/Ducting etc.)		2	0)		\$ _
	Dump Fees			30	350		\$ 10,500
						SubTotal	\$ 10,500
Trucking		Days	\$/	Day			
_	or Twin Axel Dump	•	15	900)		\$ 13,500
,	Tractor Trailer		5	3000)		\$ 15,000
						SubTotal	\$ 28,500

SUM Sub Total

\$ 508,720

Mobilization		SubTotal 5000
Hydrovac	Day \$/Day 0 5500	SubTotal 0
Office Office trailer Office Consumables	Months Rate/Month 0 1000 0 750	\$ - \$ 210.00 This will be \$0.6/DL Hours SubTotal \$ 210
Personell days (10 Hrs per day) 7 Cal days Super Forman Operator Mill Wright Electrician/Controls Labor Welder	# Persons Hours \$/Hour 1 50 \$ 150 1 50 \$ 120 3 50 \$ 120 0 50 \$ 120 0 50 \$ 120 4 50 \$ 90 0 50 \$ 140	\$ 7,500 \$ 6,000 \$ 18,000 \$ - \$ 18,000 \$ -
Crane Manlift Back Hoe Jack Hammer (BH Attachment) Trenching Machine Weld Rig Service rig Front end Loader F250 (2 x 4 days, 1 x 5 days) F150 Van Trailers (pickup pulled)	Qty Days \$/Day 0 5 5500 0 5 225 0 5 650 0 1 75 0 0 200 0 5 1000 3 5 650 1 9 175 1 5 150 1 5 125 1 5 60	\$FOG/Mont Avg \$ - 5250 \$ - 1200 \$ - 720 \$ - 720 \$ - 900 \$ - 720 \$ - 900 \$ - 1,152.50 \$ 9,750 900 \$ 1,575 900 \$ 750 900 \$ 750 900 \$ 625 720 \$ 300 900 \$SubTotal \$ 13,000
Misc / Consumables Trailer Weld rod cutting wheels shovels/Hand equipment Small Tools & Supplies (ST&S)	Qty Days \$/day \$/DL Hours 1 45 325 \$ 3.75	SubTotal \$ 19,107 \$ 1,313

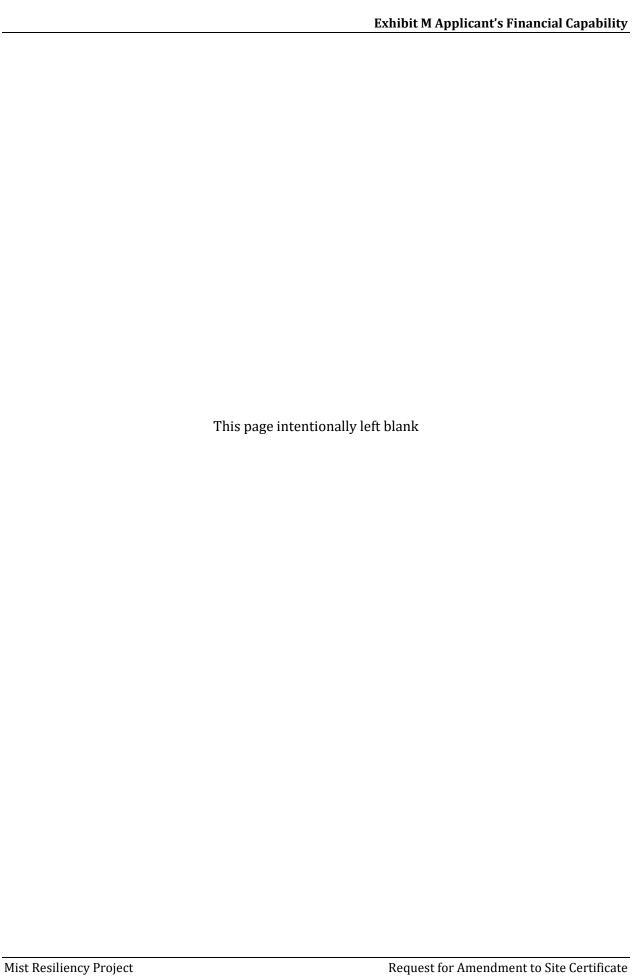
	FOG - Small Misc				\$ 57.63		\$
Disposal		QTY	load	S	\$/Loads		
	Concrete		0	0			\$
	Dirt		20	10			\$
	Rock		10	50			\$
	Equipment (Units)		0	0			\$
	Large Equipment (Pipe/Ducting etc.)		0	0			\$
	Dump Fees			60	350		\$
						SubTotal	\$
Trucking		Days	\$/Da	ıy			
(Includes Operator	r Twin Axel Dump		5	900			\$
	Tractor Trailer		5	3000			\$
						SubTotal	\$ _

SUM Sub Total

\$ 127,317



Attachment M-4. Northwest Natural Gas 2022 Annual Report







2022 ANNUAL REPORT



President and CEO David H. Anderson with Construction Crew Leaders at newly renovated Vancouver, Washington Resource Center.

To Our Shareholders

In 2022, NW Natural Holdings demonstrated our continued commitment to decarbonization, diversification, growth and strong financial performance.

It was a transformative year on many fronts. We grew our customer base at our gas and water utilities, began operation of our first renewable natural gas (RNG) facility under the landmark Oregon Senate Bill 98, producing RNG on behalf of our gas utility customers, closed our largest water and wastewater acquisition to date, and began construction of the first RNG facilities we're investing in through our competitive RNG business.

We also increased dividends for the 67th consecutive year and were recognized by Ethisphere as one of the 2022 World's Most Ethical Companies[®]. Recently, we learned we were recognized again by Ethisphere in 2023.

We're proud to operate three growing businesses that provide essential services, and I'm grateful for your confidence. I'm also grateful for our dedicated employees, whose steadfast focus on service, innovation and environmental stewardship allows us to meet the moment in these changing times.

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Corporate Profile

NW NATURAL HOLDINGS (NYSE: NWN)

is headquartered in Portland, Oregon, and, with its predecessors, has been doing business for 164 years. It owns a regulated natural gas distribution company (NW Natural), water and wastewater utilities (NW Natural Water), a renewable natural gas business (NW Natural Renewables), and other business interests.



2022 Highlights

NET INCOME

Reported net income for 2022 of \$86.3 million or \$2.54 per share, an increase of 10% in net income, compared to \$78.7 million or \$2.56 per share for 2021. The company's earnings per share for 2022 were affected by issuing common shares.



- Increased dividends paid for the 67th consecutive year, one of the longest records on the NYSE.
- Recognized by Ethisphere as one of the 2022 World's Most Ethical Companies[®].



NW Natural°

The natural gas utility achievements in 2022 included:

Customer Growth

 Achieved an annual customer growth rate of 1.1% by adding 8,600 new natural gas meters, bringing the people we serve to approximately 2.5 million through nearly 795,000 meters.

Customer Service

 Ranked second in the West for large gas utilities and scored among the top 10 utilities in the nation in the annual J.D. Power Gas Utility Residential Customer Satisfaction Study.

Reliability & Resiliency

- Invested nearly \$340 million in our gas utility infrastructure. This included projects to support safety, reliability, growth and investments in technology.
- With cold temperatures on Dec. 22, 2022, NW Natural hit a record sendout of 8 million therms. The system performed very well.

Oregon Rate Case

 Received approval for Oregon rate case, with a \$59.4 million increase in the revenue requirement to recover investments in system reliability, resilience and upgrades to technology, including cybersecurity and our enterprise resource planning system.

Gas Utility Decarbonization

- On track to meet or exceed our voluntary carbon savings goal² of 30% by 2035, making progress toward our vision to be a provider of net carbonneutral energy by 2050.
- Began operation of first RNG facility under the landmark Oregon Senate Bill 98.
- Completed a series of hydrogen-blend tests at our Sherwood operations and training center.
- Made progress on a turquoise hydrogen pilot project that is designed to turn methane into clean hydrogen and solid carbon in the first half of 2023.
- Began a pilot to test equipment that captures carbon from existing boilers and converts it to potassium carbonate for soap products.



Water and Wastewater Utility Growth and Service

- Closed largest acquisition to date increasing our customer base by approximately 70% and experienced strong 3.8% organic customer growth across the business.
- Supported safe and reliable service for 155,000 people through approximately 62,500 connections.



Competitive RNG

 On track to begin producing renewable natural gas in 2023 at two RNG facilities we're investing in through a partnership with EDL.

² Voluntary emissions savings goal equivalent to 30% of the carbon emissions from our sales customers gas use and company operations in 2015.

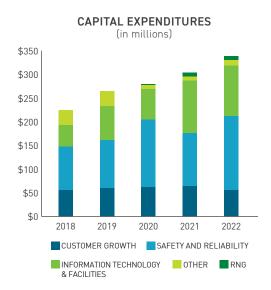




Natural Gas Utility

Safety Guides All We Do

Operating safely is our greatest responsibility to customers, employees and communities we serve. Proactive field visits help us prevent safety issues across our service territory, and our 24/7 emergency response system allows us to quickly dispatch responders to damage and odor calls.



Total investment in capital expenditures during 2022 was \$338 million on an accrual basis and includes cloud-based software.

Our Journey to Zero on-the-job safety initiative continued to deliver results in its third year, with the lowest number of workplace injuries in nearly two decades and a 25% increase in near-miss reporting (good-catch rate) from 2021. We also rolled out Work Ready, an app-based movement program, designed to help employees move better and support health and well-being. The last three years are among the best years for safety performance since 2009.

To support our goal of meeting or exceeding federal and state pipeline safety regulations, we maintain a rigorous program to inspect our transmission system with a combination of technologically advanced inline inspection tools and direct assessments. Our modernized pipe network allows us to use inline methods for most inspections. At the end of 2022, we had inspected about 2.5 times the amount of pipeline required by PHMSA safety regulators.

With no cast iron or bare steel pipe in our system, we operate one of the most modern distribution systems in the nation. In 2022, we invested nearly \$340 million in our natural gas infrastructure to support safety, system reliability, growth and improvements. Those investments included system reinforcement projects,

maintaining our valuable storage facilities and renovations at several of our service centers with a focus on seismic resiliency.

We continue to prioritize technology and cybersecurity investments to protect the safety and security of our critical systems and customer data. In 2022, we implemented a major upgrade to our enterprise resource planning system and made significant investments in enhanced cybersecurity protocols, systems and staff.

Growth & Service Achievements

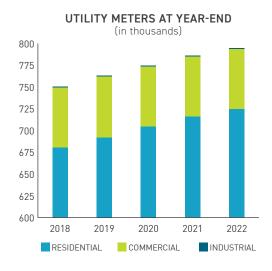
The labor market and unemployment remained stable in 2022, while the housing market cooled as interest rates rose. In spite of this, we connected 8,600 new meters, for an overall growth rate of 1.1%.

We are honored that our customers again ranked NW Natural second in the West among large gas utilities in the annual J.D. Power Gas Utility Residential Customer Satisfaction Study. It is the 19th year we have ranked in the top two in the West in the study's 21-year history. NW Natural also scored in the top 10 in the nation among large gas utilities this year. We also earned 2022 Environmental Champion recognition from Escalent, based on high marks for environmental stewardship in a customer survey. We were among 31 utilities to be recognized out of 140 utilities ranked.

Rates & Regulation

In October 2022, NW Natural received approval for an Oregon rate case, with a \$59.4 million increase in the revenue requirement and rate base of \$1.76 billion. The rate base increase of \$320 million compared to the last rate case allows us to recover investments in system reliability, resilience, technology upgrades and RNG. For Washington, the second year of a multiyear rate case went into effect, increasing the revenue requirement by \$3.0 million. We also received approval for annual purchase gas adjustments in Oregon and Washington, which update rates for projected gas costs in 2023. New rates went into effect in November 2022.

Even with new rates, our customers are paying less for their total bill than they did 15 years ago. Yet recognizing this is a time of energy market disruption and inflationary pressure, NW Natural worked with



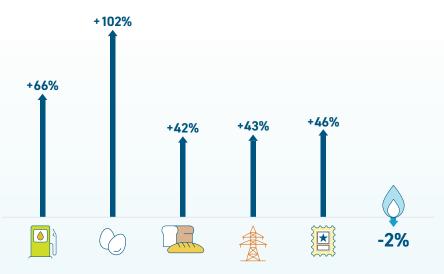
regulators and stakeholders to support customers with a rate mitigation tariff that smoothes the rate impacts over the year. To further help Oregon customers with household incomes less than 60% of the state median income, we introduced an income-qualified discount program that allows them to save 15% to 40% on monthly bills.

In September 2022, we filed our Integrated Resource Plan with Oregon and Washington regulators. This is the first plan to include comprehensive analysis to support implementation of the transformative climate policies adopted in both states. The long-term resource acquisition plan—which looks out to 2050—is designed to achieve emissions reductions at the least cost and risk, while continuing to provide safe and reliable service.

OUR CUSTOMERS ARE PAYING LESS THAN THEY DID 15 YEARS AGO

Despite this period of extraordinary market conditions, NW Natural customers are still paying less than they did 15 years ago for their natural gas bills.

Source: National data from Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Postal Service, and NW Natural bills 2022 vs. 2007

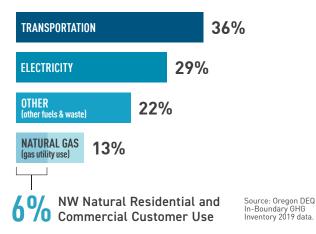




Decarbonization

We believe climate change requires rapid innovation and collective action, which is why we are working to reduce emissions on multiple fronts and reimagining the role of our system and the fuel that we deliver. NW Natural has one of the tightest systems in the nation, and we use that modern system to deliver more energy in Oregon than any other utility. On the coldest winter days, we provide about 90% of the energy our residential space and water heating customers need. Natural gas use in our customers' homes and businesses accounts for approximately 6% of Oregon's annual greenhouse gas emissions.³ We're working to reduce that number even further.

OREGON GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY SECTOR



Since we launched our Low Carbon Pathway in 2016, we've made steady progress toward our voluntary goal of 30% carbon savings by 2035.

Our 2021 Destination Zero report analyzes scenarios for achieving carbon neutrality for our residential and commercial customers by 2050. We believe a combination of decarbonization measures that include energy efficiency, renewable energy, carbon offsets and carbon capture are needed in a low-carbon future. Replacing conventional natural gas over time with net carbon-neutral alternatives like RNG and clean hydrogen is central to achieving that vision.

In January 2022, operations began at our first RNG facility under Oregon Senate Bill 98 with BioCarbN and Tyson Foods. A second facility is slated to be completed in the spring of 2023. Groundbreaking Oregon legislation enables us to procure and invest in RNG and clean hydrogen on behalf of our customers. To date we have signed agreements with options to purchase or develop RNG totaling about 3% of NW Natural's current annual sales volume in Oregon, and we are pursuing additional RNG supply for the benefit of our customers.

Our engineering team completed hydrogen blend tests of 5%, 10% and 15% at our Sherwood operations and training center. We also made progress on an exciting turquoise hydrogen pilot project designed to turn methane into clean hydrogen and solid carbon in partnership with Modern Electron. We expect that pilot to go live in the first half of 2023.

In another pilot project, we're working with a handful of commercial customers to test CarbinX equipment that is designed to capture carbon from existing boilers and reduce energy use. The captured carbon dioxide is converted to potassium carbonate, which can be used to make soap products.

As part of our focus on decarbonization innovation and collaboration, NW Natural team members joined policymakers on a RNG and clean hydrogen fact-finding trip to Denmark to understand how that country is implementing these strategies. Notably, Denmark is already delivering roughly 30% RNG in its gas system, and is working towards meeting 75% of its gas demand from RNG by 2030 and 100% by 2034. Hydrogen has also gained momentum, and Denmark considers it part of its long-term energy future.

These projects are just the beginning. NW Natural is a 164-year-old company that has evolved many times since 1859 to meet the essential energy needs of our region. We're committed to implementing climate solutions that work for our environment, our customers, and our communities. The renewable supply is growing, the necessary technology exists, and our modern storage and delivery system is ready.



Gas process and storage equipment at the Nature Energy Korskro Biomethane Plant in Denmark.

³ NW Natural sales load data from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality In-Boundary Greenhouse Gas Inventory, 2019 data.





Competitive Renewables

Launched as a competitive RNG business in 2021, NW Natural Renewables is investing in renewable energy in support of the transition to a decarbonized future. It is focused on the production and supply of RNG, helping a variety of sectors decarbonize using existing waste streams and renewable energy sources.

NW Natural Renewables' first project is with EDL, a leading global producer of sustainable distributed energy. The project includes a total \$50 million investment toward the development of two RNG production facilities, which are under construction and on track to begin operations in the second quarter of 2023. NW Natural Renewables has contracted to take a 20-year supply of RNG from the facilities.

We're excited about additional opportunities in this fast-growing market. Given our size and expertise, we believe we have a competitive edge that allows us to be nimble and tailor our approach to each project.





Construction in progress at the two RNG facilities EDL is building.



Water & Wastewater Utilities

In 2022, we continued our disciplined acquisition strategy and saw strong organic growth in our water and wastewater utilities. Organic customer growth was 3.8% across the utilities, with extraordinary growth of 8% in Texas and 4% in Idaho Falls. In October 2022, we closed our largest water and wastewater acquisition to date in Yuma, Arizona, increasing our total connections by approximately 70%. The acquisition in this fast-growing area positions us for future acquisitions and growth. We also closed acquisitions in Texas, Idaho and Washington.

At the same time, we continued to invest in safety, system reliability and information technology with nearly \$20 million of infrastructure spend last year. We focused on collaborative, transparent and productive relationships with regulators and constructive general rate cases. In 2022, we completed three rate cases to recover essential investments in these systems.

Today, NW Natural Water provides water and wastewater services to approximately 155,000 people through over 62,500 connections, with approximately \$260 million of cumulative investment. We continue to see opportunity for growth and investment in this sector in the years ahead.

Yuma, Arizona, where Foothills Water and Wastewater Utilities are located.

Reflecting on 2022, I'm beyond proud of all that we accomplished. We met the moment, delivering for our customers and keeping our employees safe while innovating, evolving and growing.

Thank you for your confidence and trust in our company and our vision for the future. It means the world to us.

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David H. Anderson

President and Chief Executive Officer

WATER UTILITY CUSTOMERS AT YEAR-END



We added over 29,000 new customers in 2022, and now serve over 62,500 customers.



The current indicated annual dividend is \$1.94 per share. Future dividends are subject to Board of Director discretion and approval. Annual dividends paid per share in 2022 increased for the 67th consecutive year.

NW Natural Gas Service Territory



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Consolidated financial facts (\$UUU):		
Operating revenues	1,037,353	860,400
Net income	86,303	78,666
Financial ratios (%):		
Return on average common equity	8.2	8.6
Capital structure ¹ at year-end:		
Long-term debt	53.2	52.8
Common stock equity	46.8	47.2

COMMON STOCK

Shareholder data (000):		
Average shares outstanding-diluted	33,984	30,752
Year-end shares outstanding	35,525	31,129
Per share data (\$):		
Diluted earnings	2.54	2.56
Dividends paid	1.93	1.92
Book value at year-end	33.09	30.04
Market value at year-end	47 59	48 78

NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS

Gas deliveries (000 therms)	1,252,337	1,184,775
Margin ² (\$000)	505,875	479,811
Degree days	2,712	2,378
Meters at year-end	794,497	785,897
Employees at year-end	1,149	1,173

WATER OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS

Connections at year-end	62,592	33,417
Employees at year-end	105	61

DIVIDENDS PAID ON COMMON STOCK (per share)

Payment date		
February	0.4825	0.4800
May	0.4825	0.4800
August	0.4825	0.4800
November	0.4850	0.4825
Total dividends paid	1.9325	1.9225

¹ Includes current maturities of long-term debt and excludes short-term debt.

² References to the margin refer to natural gas distribution segment.





DAVID H. ANDERSONPresident and Chief Executive
Officer, NW Natural Holdings
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NW NATURAL SENIOR MANAGEMENT



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MIKE KOTYK
President,
NW Natural Renewables

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Notice of Annual Meeting

The 2023 Annual Meeting of Shareholders is scheduled to be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, May 25, 2023. We are expecting to conduct an entirely virtual Annual Meeting. A meeting notice and proxy statement describing our plans for conducting the meeting will be sent to all shareholders who hold shares as of the record date, April 6, 2023. Such plans may be supplemented or revised as appropriate.

Dividend reinvestment and direct stock purchase plan

Participants may make an initial investment in company stock and common shareholders of record may reinvest all or part of their dividends in additional shares under the company's plan. Cash purchases may also be made. Participants in the plan bear the cost of brokerage fees and commissions for shares purchased on the open market to fulfill purchases under the plan. A prospectus will be sent upon request.

Scheduled dividend payment dates

Subject to Board approval, the following dates are scheduled for dividend payment:

February 15, 2023 May 15, 2023 August 15, 2023 November 15, 2023

COMPARISON OF FIVE-YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN

(Based on \$100 invested on 12/31/2017)



Total shareholder return (annualized) over the five years ending December 31, 2022 for NW Natural Holdings was 1.44%, compared to Standard & Poor's (S&P) Utilities Index return of 1.57%, and the S&P 500 Index return of -18.17%.

Certifications

The Chief Executive Officer certified to the NYSE on June 20, 2022, that as of that date, he was not aware of any violation by the company of NYSE's corporate governance listing standards, and the company had filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), as exhibits 31.3 and 31.4 to its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended Dec. 31, 2021, the certificates of the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of the company certifying the quality of the company's public disclosure. For the year ended Dec. 31, 2022, the certificates of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer are attached as exhibits 31.3 and 31.4 to the Form 10-K included in this Annual Report.

Contact the NW Natural Holdings Board

Concerns may be directed to the nonmanagement directors by writing to:

Northwest Natural Holding Company Board of Directors c/o Corporate Secretary 250 SW Taylor Street Portland. OR 97204

Forward-looking statements

The statements made in this Annual Report that are not purely historical, including statements regarding plans, goals, strategies, commitments, success, opportunities, dividends, earnings, financial value, financial results, future events, performance, stability, continuation of past practices, future demand or preference for gas, strategic goals and visions, environmental initiatives, decarbonization and role of natural gas and the gas delivery system, including competitive renewable natural gas strategy, decarbonization goals and timelines, energy efficiency measures, use of renewables, carbon emissions, targets and savings, renewable natural gas or hydrogen purchases, projects, investments or other renewable initiatives, including the construction of and production by RNG facilities, procurement of renewable natural gas or hydrogen for customers, technology and policy innovations, commodity costs, customer rates and service, competitive position,

revenues, customer and business growth, capital expenditures, system and infrastructure investments, emergency preparedness and response, technology and cybersecurity investments, system reliability, safety and implementation of safety initiatives, system and operational resiliency, business continuity, environmental stewardship, securities issuances, including sustainable financings, regulatory proceedings and actions including, but not limited to, our rate cases and the timing and results thereof, rate recovery, effects of regulatory mechanisms, the regional and national economy, business development and new business initiatives, water and wastewater acquisitions, partnerships, investment strategies, planned acquisitions and integration thereof, likelihood and success associated with any transaction, operating plans and implementation, system modernization and efficiency, diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives, and effects of legislation or changes in laws or regulations, including but not limited to carbon and renewable natural gas and hydrogen regulations are forward-looking statements within the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. NW Natural's actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of risks and uncertainties, including those described in the attached report on Form 10-K. For a more complete description of these risks and uncertainties, please refer to our filings with the SEC on Forms 10-K and 10-Q.

Request for publications

The following publications may be obtained without charge by contacting the Corporate Secretary at NW Natural's address: Annual Report; Form 10-K; Form 10-Q; Form 8-Ks; Corporate Governance Standards; Director Independence Standards; Code of Ethics; and Board Committee Charters. These publications, as well as other filings made with the SEC, are also available on our website at nwnaturalholdings.com. Our SEC filings are also available through the SEC's website (sec.qov).



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Living Our Core Values Every Day



Integrity

 Earned the prestigious distinction as one of the Ethisphere® Institute's 2023 World's Most Ethical Companies® for the second year in a row



- No cast iron or bare steel pipe in the natural gas system, making our system one of the tightest and most modern in the nation
- Laser focused on employee safety with our Journey to Zero program, which has resulted in better employee health and safety



Caring

- Helps low-income customers manage their natural gas bills through a variety of programs
- Donates time and money to local nonprofits in the areas we serve with a heightened focus on organizations that demonstrate a commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion



Service Ethic

 Consistently receive top-level customer satisfaction scores in J.D. Power and Escalent studies



Environmental Stewardship

- Partners with Energy Trust of Oregon to offer natural gas customers energy-efficiency programs and services as we work toward a net carbon-neutral future
- Supports water conservation and encourages customers to reduce water use and has installed technology to help minimize water leakage across its infrastructure



Learn more about how our values guide our work: nwnatural.com/esgreport

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Our Core Values

Integrity
Safety
Caring
Service Ethic
Environmental Stewardship

Our Mission

We provide safe, reliable and affordable utility services and renewable energy in a sustainable way to better the lives of the communities we serve.

Our Vision

Lead in service excellence, innovation and environmental stewardship by harnessing our passion for customers.

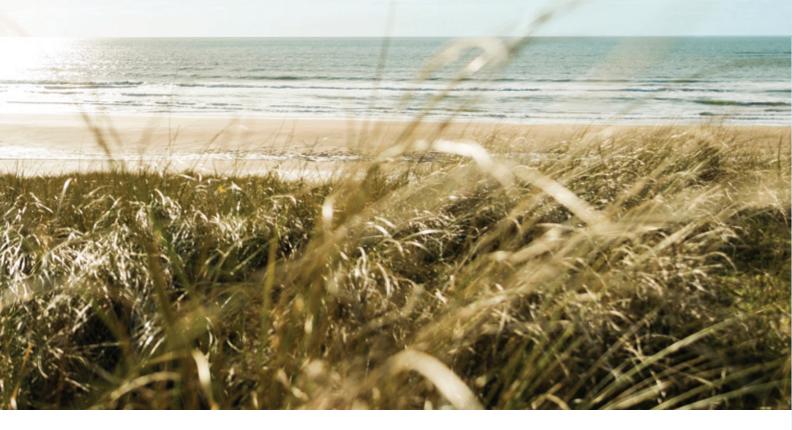
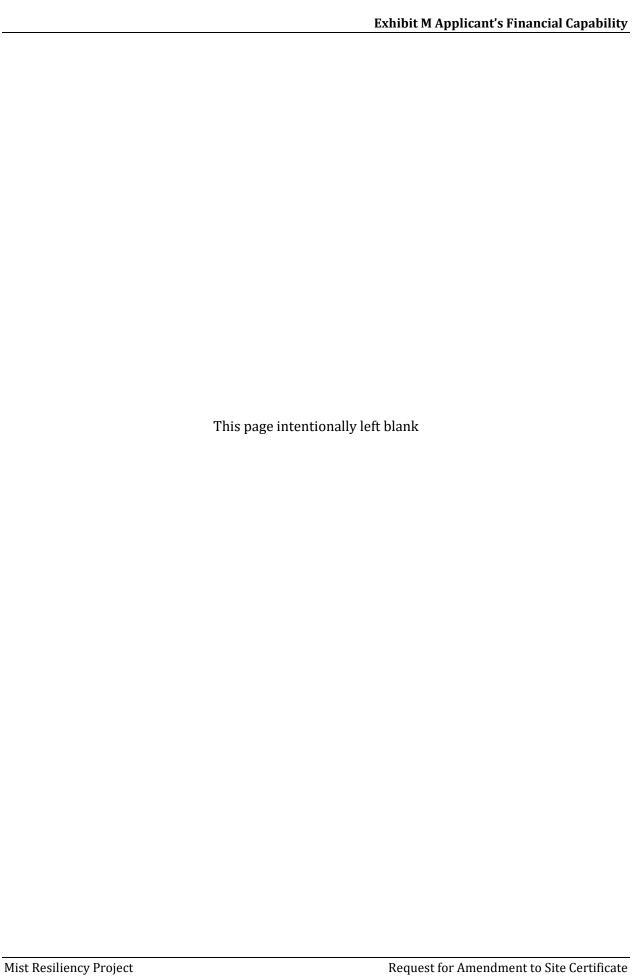






	Exhibit M Applicant's Financial Capability
Attachment M-5. Facilit	y Rond Revision
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SURETY RIDER

To be attac	ched to and form a part of	
Bond No.	6053326	
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executed by	Northwest Natural Gas Company	, as Principal,
	(PRINCIPAL)	
and by	SAFECO Insurance Company of America , as Surety,	
in favor of	State of Oregon, acting by and through the Energy Facility Siting Council	
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Nothing he	erein contained shall vary, alter or extend any provision or condition of this bond except as herein expressly state	d.
This rider is effective	March 6, 2024	
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	Northwest Natural Gas Company HPRINCIPAL)	
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This Power of Attorney limits the acts of those named herein, and they have no authority to bind the Company except in the manner and to the extent herein stated.

> American States Insurance Company First National Insurance Company of America General Insurance Company of America Safeco Insurance Company of America

Certificate No: 8204867

bond and/or Power of Attorney (POA) verification inquiries,

For

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOWN ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: That American States Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana, First National Insurance Company of America, General Insurance Company of America, and Safeco Insurance Company of America are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire (herein collectively called the "Companies"), pursuant to and by authority herein set forth, does hereby name, constitute and appoint, Krista M. Lee all of the city of Seattle, state of Washington each individually if there be more than one named, its true and lawful attorney-in-fact to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver, for and on its behalf as surety and as its act and deed, any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations, in pursuance of these presents and shall be as binding upon the Companies as if they have been duly signed by the president and attested by the secretary of the Companies in their own proper persons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Power of Attorney has been subscribed by an authorized officer or official of the Companies and the corporate seals of the Companies have been affixed

thereto this 15th day of February, 2021.







American States Insurance Company First National Insurance Company of America General Insurance Company of America Safeco Insurance Company of America

David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

On this 15th day of February, 2021, before me personally appeared David M. Carey, who acknowledged himself to be Assistant Secretary of American States Insurance Company, First National Insurance Company of America, General Insurance Company of America, and Safeco Insurance Company of America, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do execute the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of the corporations by himself as a duly authorized officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my notarial seal at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, on the day and year first above written



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Sea Teresa Pastella, Notary Public Montgomery County My commission expires March 28, 2025 Commission number 1126044

Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-law and Authorizations of American States Insurance Company, First National Insurance Company of America, General Insurance Company of America, and Safeco Insurance Company of America, which are now in full force and effect reading as follows:

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS: Section 12. Power of Attorney

Any officer or other official of the Corporation authorized for that purpose in writing by the Chairman or the President, and subject to such limitation as the Chairman or the President may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Corporation to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such attorney-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and executed, such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the President and attested to by the Secretary. Any power or authority granted to any representative or attorney-in-fact under the provisions of this article may be revoked at any time by the Board, the Chairman, the President or by the officer or officers granting such power or authority.

Certificate of Designation - The President of the Company, acting pursuant to the Bylaws of the Company, authorizes David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary to appoint such attorneys infact as may be necessary to act on behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations.

Authorization - By unanimous consent of the Company's Board of Directors, the Company consents that facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any assistant secretary of the Company, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the Company in connection with surety bonds, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

I, Renee C. Llewellyn, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary, of American States Insurance Company, First National Insurance Company of America, General Insurance Company of America, and Safeco Insurance Company of America do hereby certify that this power of attorney executed by said Companies is in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

March IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Companies this 6th day of



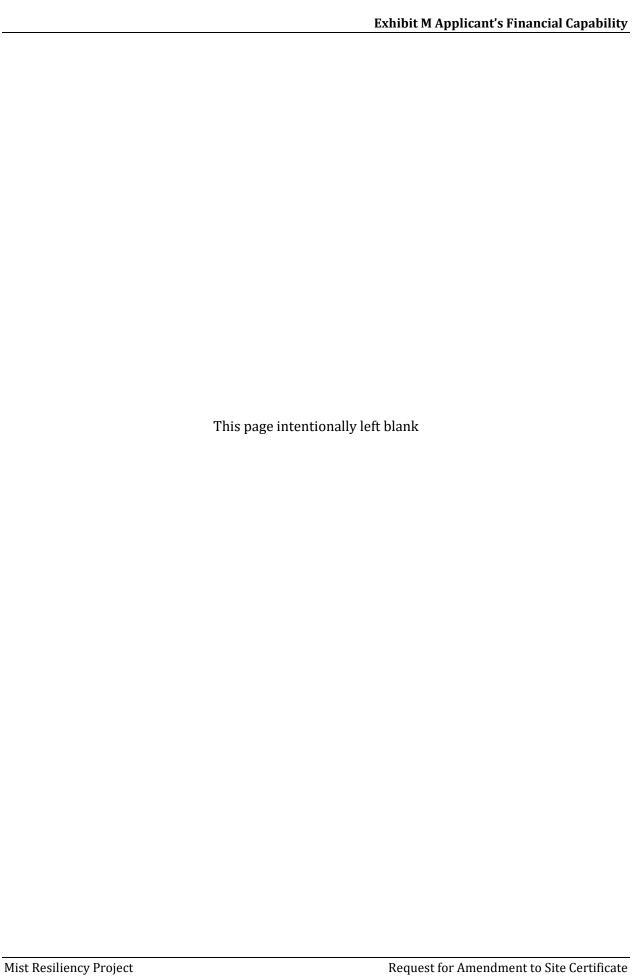






Renee C. Llewellyn, Assistant Secretary

Attachment M-6. Letter from Legal Counsel





Shawn M. Filippi VP, Corporate Secretary & Chief Compliance Officer

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March 14, 2024

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RE: Request for Amendment No. 13 to the Mist Underground Natural Gas Storage Site Certificate

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am Vice President, Corporate Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer for Northwest Natural Gas Company ("NW Natural"). NW Natural is the Site Certificate Holder for the Mist Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility (the "Mist Facility"). NW Natural is submitting its Request for Amendment No. 13 to the Mist Underground Natural Gas Storage Site Certificate with the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council, for the purposes described in the Amendment filing.

In connection with the Request for Amendment, and in accordance with OAR 345-021-0010(1)(m)(A), I have examined originals or copies certified or otherwise identified to my satisfaction of the books and records of NW Natural and such other documents as I have deemed necessary and appropriate for the purposes of this opinion. In rendering this opinion expressed below, I also have assumed (i) the authenticity of all the documents submitted to me as original and (ii) the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to me as copies.

Based on the foregoing, to the best of my knowledge, subject to NW Natural meeting all applicable federal, state and local laws (including all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder), NW Natural continues to have the legal authority to construct and operate the Mist Facility, and to construct and operate the expansion of the Mist Facility as described in the Request for Amendment, without violating NW Natural's articles of incorporation, bond indenture agreements, common stock covenants, or similar agreements, in each case, as amended ("Agreements").

I am an active member of the Oregon State Bar. By issuing this opinion, I do not hold myself out as an expert in, and am not expressing an opinion with respect to, the law of any jurisdiction other than the law of the State of Oregon. Further, the foregoing opinion is limited solely to whether the Applicant has the authority under its Agreements to construct and operate the Mist Facility.

I express no opinion as to the applicability of, or compliance with, any federal, state or local laws (including all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder) to such construction and operation or as to the effects of the foregoing laws on such construction and operation.

Very truly yours,

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