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### ***VIA ELECTRONIC FILING***

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WASHINGTON UTILITIES &

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Re: Combined Effects: November 1, 2015 Adjustments to Rates

NW Natural WUTC Advice Nos. 15-06 through 15-08.

Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural (NWN or the “Company”) files revisions to its Tariff WN U-6, as listed in the attached Table of Tariff Sheet Revisions. The proposed tariff sheets are stated to become effective with service on and after November 1, 2015.

The purpose of this filing is to revise the tariff sheets listed in the attached Table of Tariff Sheet Revisions to reflect: (1) the removal of temporary adjustments that were placed into rates effective November 1, 2014 and the application of the proposed temporary adjustments identified in the Company’s filings NWN WUTC Advice No. 15-6, 15-7, and 15-8, respectively, and (2) the application of the proposed Annual WACOG and demand charges identified in NWN WUTC Advice No. 15-8, to customer rates proposed to be effective November 1, 2014.

The Company revises rates for these purposes annually; the last such filing was effective on November 1, 2014.

The combined effect of the rate changes proposed to become effective November 1, 2015, is a decrease to the average monthly bills in the primary rate schedules as follows: Residential Schedule 2 bills will decrease by 14.4% and commercial Schedule 3 bills will decrease 15.2%. If the effects of the temporary rate adjustments were permanent, the combined result of all components of the rate changes would be a decrease in the Company’s revenues from its Washington operations of $11,906,405.

In addition to the supporting materials submitted as part of this filing, the Company will separately submit work papers in electronic format, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

In accordance with WAC 480-90-198, the Company declares that because the proposed changes are coincident with the Company’s annual purchased gas cost filing, notice to customers is made in accordance with WAC 480-90-194(5). A copy of this notice is included with the Company’s annual PGA filing, NWN WUTC Advice No. 15-8.

Included with this filing is a copy of the Company’s customer newsletter that includes a discussion of the rate changes proposed with this 2015-2016 annual purchased gas cost adjustment cycle, and a copy of the Company’s press release which will be issued coincident with the submission of this advice filing.

This rate change affects all of NW Natural’s Washington customers. NW Natural currently serves approximately 69,413 residential customers and 6,279 business and industrial customers in the Company’s Washington service territory.

The Company respectfully requests that the tariff sheets filed herewith be approved to become effective with service on and after November 1, 2015.

As required by WAC 480-80-103(4)(a), I certify that I have authority to issue tariff revisions on behalf of NW Natural.

Copies of this letter and the attached filing are available in the Company’s main office in Portland, Oregon, and on its website at [www.nwnatural.com](http://www.nwnatural.com).

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Sincerely,

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Attachments: Supporting Materials

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PROPOSTED TO BECOME EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2015

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| **PROPOSED REVISION** | **CANCELS REVISION** | **SCHEDULE TITLE** |
| Effective November 1, 2015 | Effective November 1, 2014 | Summary of Monthly Sales Service Billing Rates |
| Effective November 1, 2015 | Effective November 1, 2014 | Summary of Monthly Transportation Service Billing Rates |
| Twenty-Fourth Revision of  Sheet 101.1 | Twenty-Third Revision of Sheet 101.1 | Schedule 1  “General Sales Service” |
| Twenty-Fourth Revision of  Sheet 102.1 | Twenty-Third Revision of Sheet 102.1 | Schedule 2  “Residential Sales Service” |
| Twelfth Revision of Sheet 103.3 | Eleventh Revision of Sheet 103.3 | Schedule 3  “Basic Firm Sales Service – Non-Residential (continued)” |
| Twenty-Fourth Revision of Sheet 127.1 | Twenty-Third Revision of  Sheet 127.1 | Schedule 27  “Residential Heating Dry-Out Service” |
| Tenth Revision of Sheet 141.9 | Ninth Revision of Sheet 141.9 | Schedule 41  “Non-Residential Sales and Transportation Service (continued)” |
| Fifth Revision of Sheet 141.10 | Fourth Revision of Sheet 141.10 | Schedule 41  “Non-Residential Sales and Transportation Service (continued)” |
| Eleventh Revision of Sheet 142.10 | Tenth Revision of Sheet 142.10 | Schedule 42  “Large Volume Non-Residential Sales and Transportation Service (continued)” |
| Sixth Revision of Sheet 142.10.1 | Fifth Revision of Sheet 142.10.1 | Schedule 42  “Large Volume Non-Residential Sales and Transportation Service (continued)” |
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| Tenth Revision of Sheet 143.6 | Ninth Revision of Sheet 143.6 | Schedule 43  “High-Volume Non-Residential Firm and Interruptible Transportation Service (continued)” |