

September 13, 2024

NWN WUTC Advice No. 24-09 / UG-_____

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jeff Killip, Executive Director & Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Re: NEW Schedule: Regulatory Fee

Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural (NW Natural or Company) files herewith the following revisions to its Tariff WN U-6, stated to become effective with service on and after November 1, 2024, as follows:

First Revision of Sheet 232.1	Schedule 232	Temporary Adjustment to Rates – Regulatory Fee Increase
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Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to amortize deferral balances through Schedule 232 to reflect the regulatory fee increase established by SB 5634 and codified as RCW 80.24.010, the deferral and tracking of which has been authorized for NW Natural by the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission (Commission) Order 01 in docket UG-220423.

The proposed adjustments are requested to become effective November 1, 2024, coincident with the requested effective date of the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) filing, separately submitted as NW Natural's WUTC Advice No. 24-14.

Proposed Changes

The proposed adjustments are calculated on an equal percentage of revenue basis and are shown for each rate schedule on page 1 of the supporting materials to this filing. It should be noted that the proposed adjustments represent only a portion of the deferred accounts that are proposed to be applied to customer rates effective November 1, 2024 (see NW Natural's WUTC Advice Nos. 24-05, 24-07, 24-08, 24-10, 24-11, 24-12, 24-13 and 24-14). As such, the bill effects stated herein are provided for illustrative purposes only and reflect the effect of applying the proposed adjustments to current billing rates, which is a net decrease of \$202,962 or 0.17% to Company revenues.

The average Schedule 2 residential customer using 57 therms would see a bill decrease of \$0.14¹ per month, and the average Schedule 3 commercial customer using 254 therms would see a bill

¹ All bill impacts assume Climate Commitment Act charges and credits for non-low income customers who joined NW Natural's system before July 25, 2021, as set out in Schedule 308 - Washington Climate Commitment Act Recovery Mechanism.

decrease of \$0.51 per month. The bill impact for customers on the other residential and commercial rate schedules is shown on page 2 of the supporting materials to this filing. In support of this filing, the Company provides worksheets showing the derivation of the proposed Schedule 232 adjustments to rates, and a worksheet showing the deferral account 151827 balance. In accordance with WAC 480-90-198 and WAC 480-90-194(5), the Company will provide notice to customers as stated in WAC 480-90-194(1). A copy of this notice is included with the Company's PGA filing, WUTC Advice No. 24-14.

The proposed rate change will affect all of NW Natural's Washington sales service customers. NW Natural currently serves approximately 90,256 residential customers and 7,326 business and 72 industrial customers in the Company's Washington service territory.

Conclusion

The Company respectfully requests that the tariff sheets filed herewith be approved to become effective with service on and after November 1, 2024.

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.

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Attachments:

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