

December 15, 2017

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Steven V. King
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
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**Re: UG-171163, Northwest Natural Gas, Advice No. 17-14:
Schedule G - Energy Efficiency Services and Programs;
Schedule I - Washington Low-Income Energy Efficiency (WA-
LIEE) Programs**

**UG-171178, Northwest Natural Gas, Advice No. 17-15:
Schedule J - Gas Residential Energy Assistance Tariff
(GREAT)**

Dear Mr. King,

The Energy Project would like to respectfully submit comments concerning both the Northwest Natural Gas (“NW Natural” or “Company”) GREAT program and the Low-Income Weatherization program tariff modification filings being considered by the UTC on December 20th. We are very appreciative of NW Natural’s continued proactive and responsive management of their programs serving low-income populations in Washington State.

With respect to Schedule G, the Energy Project would like to voice its support for the change to the tariff supporting work in the area of health, safety, and repair. By allowing funding to be used for these purposes, agencies delivering low-income weatherization will be able to address dangerous CO emissions resulting from back-drafting combustion appliances, cracked heat exchangers or other malfunctioning heating systems and appliances. This change will allow for more projects to move forward that might otherwise be deferred as a result of the necessary repairs.

The Energy Project also supports the Company’s submitted modification to Schedule J, which will bring NW Natural’s energy assistance program in line with the other investor owned utility assistance programs through a modification in language clarifying eligibility for utility provided funds, as opposed to the federally provided LIHEAP funds.

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The Energy Project appreciates NW Natural's collaborative and responsive communication with regard to their programs serving low-income populations. We look forward to working with the Company to increase access to these important programs.

Sincerely,

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