

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY
dba NW NATURAL

Petition for an Accounting Order Associated
with COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

DOCKET NO. UG-200264

PETITION

I. INTRODUCTION

1 Pursuant to WAC 480-07-370(43)(b) and 480-90-203, Northwest Natural Gas Company (“NW Natural” or the “Company”) files this petition (“Petition”) with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (the “Commission”) seeking authorization for an accounting order to allow the use of deferred accounting, from the date of this Petition forward, for costs associated with the recent COVID-19 public health emergency. As described more fully below, NW Natural anticipates that the emergency, overall, will result in costs to customers that the Company seeks to defer for later rate-making treatment.

II. BACKGROUND

2 NW Natural is a natural gas utility and public service company doing business in the State of Washington and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission regarding rates, service, and accounting practices. The Company’s principal place of business is 250 SW Taylor Street, Portland, Oregon 97204-3038.

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