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# NWN WUTC Advice No. 21-07 / UG-170094

## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director & Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 621 Woodland Square Loop SE Lacey, WA 98503



## Re: Schedule 209: Credits to Customers Related to Holding Company Formation

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, 2021, as follows:

Third Revision of Sheet 209.1	Schedule 209	Credits to Customers Related to Holding Company Formation
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### Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to cancel and reserve for future use Schedule 209 Credits to Customers Related to Holding Company Formation. In compliance with Stipulated Condition 35 adopted by the Commission in docket UG-170094, WUTC Order 01, dated December 28, 2017, NW Natural provided an annual rate credit of \$55,000 applied to customer bills for three years. The third and final year will end on October 31, 2021; thus, NW Natural proposes to cancel Schedule 209 and reserve the tariff for future use.

The proposed adjustments are requested to become effective November 1, 2021, coincident with the requested effective date of the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) filing, separately submitted as NW Natural's WUTC Advice No. 21-08.

## Proposed Changes

It should be noted that the proposed cancellation of Schedule 209 represents just one of the rate filings that impact customer rates effective November 1, 2021, (see NW Natural's WUTC Advice Nos. 21-04, 21-05, 21-06, and 21-08). As such, the bill effects stated herein are provided for illustrative purposes only and reflect the effect of removing the current Schedule 209 adjustments from current billing rates.

If there were no other adjustments to rates effective November 1, 2021, the effect of cancelling Schedule 209 is an increase to the average monthly bills in the primary rate schedules as follows: Residential Schedule 2 bills will increase by less than 0.07% and commercial Schedule 3 bills will increase by less than 0.07%. The effect of the adjustments will increase the Company's annual revenues by \$72,271, or about 0.10%.

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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(4). A copy of this notice is included with the Company's PGA combined effects informational filing, made separately but concurrently with this filing.

NW Natural currently serves approximately 84,744 residential customers and 7,439 business and industrial customers in the Company's Washington service territory.

#### Conclusion

The Company respectfully requests that the tariff sheet filed herewith be approved to become effective with service on and after November 1, 2021.

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.

Please address correspondence on this matter to Susan Chao at susan.chao@nwnatural.com with copies to the following:

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Sincerely,

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Attachment: 170094-NWN-Advice-21-07-HoldCo-Trf-Sheet-209-1–09-13-2021 170094-NWN-Advice-21-07-HoldCo-Exh-A-09-13-2021 170094-NWN-Advice-21-07-HoldCo-Exh-A-xlsx-09-13-2021