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**RE: Schedule G, Energy Efficiency Services and Programs – Residential and Commercial
Schedule I, Washington Low-Income Energy Efficiency (WA-LIEE)
Programs**

Northwest Natural Gas, dba NW Natural (“NW Natural” or the “Company”), files herewith the following revisions to its Tariff WN U-6, stated to become effective with service on and after **January 1, 2018**:

Fifteenth Revision of Sheet G.1,
Schedule G,
“Energy Efficiency Services and Programs – Residential and Commercial,”

Fourth Revision of Sheet I.2,
Schedule I,
“Washington Low-Income Energy Efficiency (WA-LIEE) Programs.”

The first purpose of this filing is to revise the Company’s Energy Efficiency Plan (“EE Plan” or “Plan”), which by reference in Sheet G.1 is part of the Company’s Tariff. In accordance with the parameters of the Plan, the Company is required to submit an annual filing to establish program goals and budget for the following year.

The 2018 EE Plan review process resulted in the following notable changes and additions:

- The EE Plan format has been updated to provide a clearer layout and overview of the Washington programs.
- A program evaluation budget is included for an outside party to benchmark the program. The intent of the study is to review the program and provide program and process improvement recommendations and identify potential opportunities for growth.

- A budget for potential pilots is included in the Plan in an effort to reach additional customers with new offerings. Pilots will be presented to the Energy Efficiency Advisory Group (EEAG) for review and feedback prior to implementation.
- Twelve new and updated measures focus on residential and commercial multifamily.

The second purpose of this filing is to revise Sheet I.2 of the Company's Tariff to allow for additional programs, measures, and offerings to be offered to low-income households. Due to the current constraints on funding from other sources, the Company's partners lack sufficient funds to leverage funding of low-income projects. The ability to allow for new offerings such as a furnace tune-up pilot would enable the program to serve additional gas heated households.

In 2018, the Company expects to spend approximately \$2,254,265 on the acquisition of 359,880 therm savings in the residential and commercial sector. The Company's WA-LIEE program will seek to treat 13 low income homes, and achieve savings of 5,265 therms at a cost of \$109,091. Additionally the budget includes \$141,049 for Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA) market transformation efforts, up to \$90,000 for a program evaluation, and up to \$70,000 for potential pilots.

The Company has shared this filing with its Energy Efficiency Advisory Group.

The Company respectfully requests that the tariff sheets filed herein be approved to become effective with service on and after January 1, 2018.

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

A copy of the filing is available for public inspection in the Company's main office in Portland, Oregon and on its website at www.nwnatural.com.

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Attachments:

UG-____-NWN's WUTC Advice 17-14_Schedule G_Sheet G.1 – 12-01-2017

UG-____-NWN's WUTC Advice 17-14_Schedule I_Sheet I.2 – 12-01-2017

UG-____-NWN's WUTC Advice 17-14_2018 EE Plan – 12-01-2017