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March 13, 2020

NWN WUTC Advice No. 20-3

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: Schedule C—Miscellaneous Charges

Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural (NW Natural or Company), files herewith the following revisions to its Tariff WN U-6.

For the reasons below, NW Natural respectfully requests that the Commission approve this tariff change to become effective on March 27, 2020, with less than statutory notice (LSN). The information required by WAC 480-80-122(1) is included below. In accordance with WAC 480-80-122(2), the proposed tariff sheet attached herein is stated to become effective with service on and after April 12, 2020.

Fourth Revision of Sheet C.2	Schedule C	Miscellaneous Charges
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Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to provide minor modifications to the tariff sheet listed above that would allow NW Natural discretion in charging Late Payment Fees. The Company seeks this flexibility in order to be immediately responsive to the rapidly changing economic conditions facing customers in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and respectfully requests an effective date of March 27, 2020, with less than statutory notice.

Background

NW Natural is actively monitoring and evaluating the latest news and impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. In anticipation of potential impacts to our customers that may be affected by COVID-19, NW Natural wants to maintain flexibility by not requiring the charging of Late Payment Fees.

Proposed Changes

NW Natural proposes to make a minor change to Schedule C to indicate that Late Payment Fees **may** be assessed but the Company is not required to assess them as circumstances may warrant.

LSN Information Required by WAC 480-80-122

- a) Utility Information:

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b) Tariff Identification Information:

Tariff WN-6
Schedule C – Miscellaneous Charges – Late Payment Fee
Sheet C.2

c) Concise description of the changes proposed:

NW Natural proposes a minor change that would allow the Company to not charge Late Payment Fees by changing operative language in the tariff from “will” to “may.”

d) Reason for requesting LSN handling:

The Company seeks to be immediately responsive to the rapidly changing economic conditions facing customers in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

e) Effective Date Requested:

March 27, 2020

f) Tariff Authority:

Please see statement below regarding authority to issue tariff revisions.

Conclusion

NW Natural respectfully requests that the Commission approve this tariff change to become effective on March 27, 2020, with less than statutory notice

In accordance with WAC 480-90-193 and WAC 480-90-195(3), 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.

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

Please address correspondence on this matter to me with copies to the following:

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Respectfully submitted,

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