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NWN WUTC Advice No. 23-08 / UG-\_\_\_\_\_

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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**Re: NEW Schedule: Regulatory Fee**

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, 2023, as follows:

Original Sheet 232.1	Schedule 232	Temporary Adjustment to Rates – Regulatory Fee Increase
Original Sheet 232.2	Schedule 232	Temporary Adjustment to Rates – Regulatory Fee Increase (continued)

**Purpose**

The purpose of this filing is to introduce Schedule 232 to reflect the regulatory fee increase established by SB 5634 and codified as RCW 80.24.010, the deferral and tracking of which has been authorized for NW Natural by the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission (Commission) Order 01 in docket UG-220423.

The proposed adjustments are requested to become effective November 1, 2023, coincident with the requested effective date of the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) filing, separately submitted as NW Natural's WUTC Advice No. 23-13.

**Proposed Changes**

The proposed adjustments are calculated on an equal percentage of revenue basis and are shown for each rate schedule on page 1 of the supporting materials to this filing. It should be noted that the proposed adjustments represent only a portion of the deferred accounts that are proposed to be applied to customer rates effective November 1, 2023 (see NW Natural's WUTC Advice Nos. 23-03, 23-05, 23-06, 23-07, 23-09, 23-10, 23-11, 23-12 and 23-13). As such, the bill effects stated herein are provided for illustrative purposes only and reflect the effect of applying the proposed adjustments to current billing rates, which is a net increase of \$231,344 or 0.23% to Company revenues.

The average Schedule 2 residential customer using 58 therms would see a bill increase of \$0.16 per month, and the average Schedule 3 commercial customer using 249 therms would see a bill increase of \$0.58 per month. The bill impact for customers on the other residential and commercial rate schedules is shown on page 2 of the supporting materials to this filing.

In support of this filing, the Company provides worksheets showing the derivation of the proposed Schedule 232 adjustments to rates, and a worksheet showing the deferral account 151827 balance. 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(3). A copy of this notice is included with the Company's PGA filing, WUTC Advice No. 23-13.

The proposed rate change will affect all of NW Natural's Washington sales service customers. NW Natural currently serves approximately 89,231 residential customers and 7,189 business and industrial customers in the Company's Washington service territory.

**Conclusion**

The Company respectfully requests that the tariff sheets filed herewith be approved to become effective with service on and after November 1, 2023.

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](http://www.nwnatural.com).

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Attachments:

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