

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS  
COMPANY, D/B/A NW NATURAL,

Respondent.

DOCKET UG-200994

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL  
PREHEARING CONFERENCE  
**(Set for Tuesday, January 19, 2021,  
at 1:30 p.m.)**

- 1 On December 18, 2020, Northwest Natural Gas Company, d/b/a NW Natural, (NW Natural or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-6, Natural Gas Service. The purpose of the Company’s filing is to increase rates and charges for natural gas service provided to customers in the state of Washington.
- 2 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under Title 80 RCW, and has legal authority to regulate natural gas companies. The statutes that apply to this matter include Chapters 80.01 RCW, 80.04 RCW, and 80.28 RCW relating to rates, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04.020, and RCW 80.28.020. The rules that apply to this matter include those within Chapters WAC 480-90, relating to natural gas companies.
- 3 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of Chapter 34.05 RCW relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA that relate to this proceeding include, but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission will also follow its procedural rules in WAC 480-07 in this proceeding.
- 4 The Commission finds there is good cause to hear this matter on shortened notice. *See* WAC 480-07-440(1)(a) and RCW 34.05.434.

5 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a virtual prehearing conference in this matter at 1:30 p.m. on January 19, 2021. To participate by phone, call (253) 372-2181 and enter the Conference ID: 421 066 652#. To participate via Microsoft Teams, use the following link: [Click here to join the meeting.](#)**

6 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for intervention, resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence, to identify the issues in the proceeding, and to determine other matters to assist the Commission in resolving the matter, as listed in WAC 480-07-430.

7 **INTERVENTION:** Persons seeking to intervene in the proceeding must file written petitions to intervene at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference. *See* WAC 480-07-355(a). Party representatives must file a notice of appearance with the Commission no later than the business day before the conference. *See* WAC 480-07-345(2). Any party or witness in need of an interpreter or other assistance should fill out the form attached to this Notice and return it to the Commission. The Commission will set the time and place for the evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference or by later written notice.

8 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That any party who fails to attend or participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage of this proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440 and WAC 480-07-450.**

9 The names and mailing addresses of all known parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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- 10 The Commissioners of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and Administrative Law Judges Rayne Pearson and Samantha Doyle, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.<sup>1</sup>
- 11 The Attorney General has designated Lisa W. Gafken, Nina Suetake, and Ann Paisner from the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General's Office (Public Counsel) to represent the public. You may use the Commission's address, shown below, for contacting Public Counsel, or you may contact Public Counsel directly by writing or calling the address or telephone number listed below.

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<sup>1</sup> Judge Pearson can be reached by email at [rayne.pearson@utc.wa.gov](mailto:rayne.pearson@utc.wa.gov) or by phone at (360) 664-1136. Judge Doyle can be reached by email at [samantha.doyle@utc.wa.gov](mailto:samantha.doyle@utc.wa.gov) or by phone at (360) 664-1164.

12 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate during this proceeding.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective January 11, 2021.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Executive Director and Secretary

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Hearing facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Smoking is prohibited. If limited English-speaking, hearing-impaired parties or witnesses are involved in a hearing and need an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to the party or witness.

If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please fill out and return this form to:

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