

June 28, 2021

NWN WUTC Advice No. 21-03

**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, stated to become effective August 1, 2021.

Fifth Revision of Sheet C.2	Schedule C	Miscellaneous Charges
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**Purpose**

The purpose of this filing is to make minor modifications to the tariff sheet listed above to enable NW Natural to suspend the charging of Reconnection Charges and Field Visit Charges until 180 days after resumption date of disconnections allowed under Governor Jay Inslee's Proclamation 20-23.15, in compliance with Appendix A to Order 03 in docket U-200281.

**Background**

On April 17, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-23.2, which prohibits all energy, water, and telecommunications providers from (1) disconnecting residential service due to nonpayment, (2) refusing to reconnect residential customers who were disconnected due to nonpayment, and (3) charging late fees or reconnection fees. The prohibition was set to expire on May 4, 2020, but subsequent proclamations have extended that date through July 31, 2021.

**Proposed Changes**

NW Natural proposes minor changes reflected in the attached tariff Schedule C to indicate that Reconnection Charges and Field Visit Charges **may** be assessed but the Company is not required to assess them as circumstances may warrant; and to add clarifying language that the Company will suspend collection of these charges until 180 days after the resumption date of disconnections allowed under Proclamation 20-23.15.

**Conclusion**

NW Natural respectfully requests that the Commission approve this tariff change to become effective August 1, 2021.

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

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As requested by WAC 480-80-103(4)(a) and WAC 480-80-104(8), I certify that I have authority to issue tariff revisions on behalf of NW Natural.

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