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NWN WUTC Advice No. 22-02

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
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Re: Schedule C – Miscellaneous Charges

Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural (“NW Natural” or “Company”), herewith files the following revisions to its Tariff WN U-6, stated to become effective May 12, 2022.

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

The purpose of this tariff revision is to allow NW Natural to suspend its collection of its Reconnection Charges and Field Collection Charges until 30 days after the Commission issues its order adopting rules or otherwise determines these charges in docket U-210800.

Background

On April 17, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-23.2 which prohibited all energy 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 initial prohibition expired May 4, 2020; subsequent proclamations were extended through July 31, 2021.

On June 28, 2021, NW Natural filed proposed changes to Schedule C to suspend the charging of Reconnection Charges and Field Visit Charges until 180 days after the resumption date of disconnections allowed under Governor Inslee’s Proclamation 20-23.15.

Subsequently on July 2, 2021, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-23.16 extending the disconnection moratorium through September 30, 2021. On July 8, 2021, NW Natural proposed to update Schedule C to reflect the latest proclamation.

Proposed Changes

NW Natural proposes changes to Schedule C.2 in compliance with Order 06 in docket U-200281. Order 06 waives all fees for residential customers and exempts residential deposit requirements in WAC 480-90-113 until 30 days after the Commission issues its order adopting rules or otherwise determines the fee and deposit rules in docket U-210800 and replaces the Third Revised Term Sheet COVID-19 Response (“Term Sheet”), Section C – Fees, adopted by the Commission in Order 03 and extended by Order 04 in docket U-200281 with the Fourth Revised Term Sheet.

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Conclusion

NW Natural respectfully requests that the Commission allow this tariff change to become effective upon Commission review on April 13, 2022, with less than statutory notice (“LSN”), so that the tariff can go into effect immediately in compliance with Order 06. The information required by WAC 480-80-122 Tariff Changes with Less Than Statutory Notice, is provided in the enclosed LSN form.

The enclosed tariff sheets reflect an issue date of April 12, 2022, and an effective date of May 12, 2022, as required by WAC 480-80-122(2).

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.

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Attachments:

NEW-NWN-WUTC-Advice-22-02-Trf-Sheet-C-2-Rev-04-12-2022
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