

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY

WN U-6

Original Sheet 300.2

**SCHEDULE 300
DECOUPLING MECHANISM
(continued)**

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1. Actual margin-per-customer is derived as follows:
 - a. Total monthly usage is divided by monthly customer counts to derive average use-per-customer.
 - b. The average use-per-customer is multiplied by the applicable decoupling margin rate shown in the table below. The result is actual margin revenue-per-customer:

Customer Group	Decoupling Margin Rate
Group 1	\$0.91221
Group 2	\$0.49251
Group 3	\$0.48001
Group 4	\$0.27849

2. The difference between actual margin-per-customer and decoupling margin-per-customer is used to determine the per-customer amount to be deferred. The decoupling margin-per-customer, by month, for each Customer Group is set forth below:

Decoupling Margin-per-Customer Group						
Customer Group	January	February	March	April	May	June
Group 1	\$31.50	\$25.73	\$23.15	\$17.24	\$11.58	\$8.33
Group 2	\$54.42	\$43.94	\$38.42	\$27.28	\$16.23	\$10.19
Group 3	\$209.94	\$169.92	\$149.59	\$108.22	\$69.88	\$50.05
Group 4	\$2,013.27	\$1,681.41	\$1,593.66	\$1,288.23	\$1,039.49	\$883.76
Customer Group	July	August	September	October	November	December
Group 1	\$7.02	\$7.00	\$7.33	\$14.09	\$23.49	\$31.94
Group 2	\$8.46	\$8.41	\$9.22	\$21.04	\$39.26	\$55.28
Group 3	\$45.30	\$45.16	\$46.25	\$85.94	\$152.70	\$213.19
Group 4	\$728.52	\$727.52	\$721.78	\$1,151.13	\$1,597.47	\$2,035.86

3. The monthly amount deferred per-customer is multiplied by monthly customer counts for each Customer Group to derive the total decoupling amount to be deferred that month.
4. Coincident with the annual Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) filing, the Company shall apply an adjustment to each Customer group to amortize over the following 12 months, the balance in the deferred account as of August 31.

GENERAL TERMS:

This Schedule is governed by the terms of this Schedule, the General Rules and Regulations contained in this Tariff, any other schedules that by their terms or by the terms of this Schedule apply to service under this Schedule, and by all rules and regulations prescribed by regulatory authorities, as amended from time to time.

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