

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS  
COMPANY,

Respondent.

DOCKET UG-250610

NOTICE OF PREHEARING  
CONFERENCE

**(Set for October 20, 2025, at  
9:30 a.m.)**

- 1 On August 14, 2025, Northwest Natural Gas Company (NW Natural or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a Notice of Intent to File General Rate Case. NW Natural states this filing includes the Company's first multi-year rate plan (MYRP) and general rate case pursuant to Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 80.28.425. NW Natural's last general rate case was filed December 18, 2020, in Docket UG-200994.
- 2 On August 29, 2025, NW Natural filed with the Commission revisions to its currently effective WN U-6 Tariff for natural gas service. NW Natural characterizes its filing as a general rate case (GRC) and is proposing an MYRP, which would begin with new rates effective August 1, 2026, and include rate increases occurring on August 1, 2027, and August 1, 2028. The Company's proposed revised tariff sheets provide an effective date of September 30, 2025, but the Company agrees to waive a suspension hearing and requests that the Commission issue an order suspending the filing in accordance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-07-440(1)(a), resulting in a rate effective date of August 1, 2026.
- 3 The Company's filing reflects an increase in revenue of approximately \$33.9 million, or 7.9 percent. A typical residential customer using 1,200 kilowatt-hours per month would see an increase of \$10.43.

4 In its August 29, 2025, filing, NW Natural submitted testimony and exhibits with the Commission. In its filing, NW Natural agrees to suspend the proposed tariff filing in compliance with WAC 480-100-194 and thus is not required to publish notice immediately before filing its tariff revisions. The Company states it will provide notice to the public under WAC 480-100-197(2) and will post the proposed tariff sheets for public inspection pursuant to WAC 480-100-193(1).

5 On September 29, 2025, the Commission issued Order 01 Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions (Order 01) in this docket.

6 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under Title 80 Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and has legal authority to regulate electric 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 480-80 and 480-90 Washington Administrative Code (WAC) relating to natural gas companies.

7 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 chapter 480-07 WAC in this proceeding.

8 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a virtual prehearing conference in this matter at 9:30 a.m., on October 20, 2025. To attend via Zoom, please [click here to join meeting](#).<sup>1</sup> To attend by phone, please call (253) 215-8782 and enter the Meeting ID: 892 3539 9599# and Passcode: 831618#.**

9 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 determine other matters to assist the Commission in resolving the matter, as listed in WAC 480-07-430.

10 **INTERVENTION:** Persons who wish to intervene should file a petition to intervene in writing at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference. *See*

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<sup>1</sup> <https://utc-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/89235399599?pwd=EShULanOVx2TumEjbatlkWptUuEX7T.1>.

WAC 480-07-355(a). The Commission will consider oral petitions to intervene during the conference, but strongly prefers written petitions to intervene. 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 any evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference, on the record of a later conference or hearing session, or by later written notice.

11 **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.**

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

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- 13 The Commissioners of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and Administrative Law Judge Amy Bonfrisco, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.<sup>2</sup>
- 14 The Attorney General has designated Tad O'Neill, Alexandra Kory, and Robert Sykes 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.
- 15 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 October 10, 2025.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

/s/ Jeff Killip  
Executive Director and Secretary  
By: /s/ Evan Gaffey  
Operations Director  
Executive Director's Designee

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<sup>2</sup> Judge Bonfrisco can be reached at [amy.bonfrisco@utc.wa.gov](mailto:amy.bonfrisco@utc.wa.gov) or (360) 664-1355.

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