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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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**RE: Schedule G, Energy Efficiency Services and Programs – Residential and Commercial
Schedule I, Washington Low-Income Energy Efficiency (WA-LIEE) Programs**

Northwest Natural Gas, dba NW Natural (“NW Natural” or the “Company”), files herewith the following revisions to its Tariff WN U-6, stated to become effective with service on and after **July 1, 2017**:

Fifth Revision of Sheet I.1,
Schedule I,
“Washington Low-Income Energy Efficiency (WA-LIEE) Programs,”

Third Revision of Sheet I.2,
Schedule I,
“Washington Low-Income Energy Efficiency (WA-LIEE) Programs.”

The first purpose of this filing is to correct the Company’s WA-LIEE program year on Sheet I.1 of the Company’s Tariff. At inception of the Company’s WA-LIEE program, the program operated on an October 1 program year to align with Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. The WA-LIEE program began operating on a January 1 program year in 2011 to align with the Company’s Residential and Commercial Energy Efficiency Services and Programs. The tariff is now being updated to reflect this change.

The second purpose of this filing is to change the time period from which the maximum rebate amount per home is set from the prior program year to the most recent four quarters prior to filing the Company’s Energy Efficiency Plan (“EE Plan” or “Plan”). The EE Plan is filed by December 1; therefore, the average total installed cost of measures as reported by the Agencies for the prior program year cannot be determined at that time as the program year has not ended. The most recent four quarters will allow a complete year of costs to be considered in the calculation.

The third purpose of this filing is to increase the HSR allowance for the Company's WA-LIEE program from \$440 to \$1,000. An increase in the HSR allowance will bring NW Natural's contribution in closer alignment with other programs and grants in an effort to increase participation in the WA-LIEE program. To ensure the HSR allowance is appropriate in the future, the Company will report annually on HSR contribution as a percentage of total project costs. While reviewing the annual report with the Energy Efficiency Advisory Group, the HSR percentage will be assessed to determine if the HSR allowance requires adjustment.

The fourth purpose of this filing is to add documents to Appendix A and Appendix B of the Company's EE Plan referenced in Schedule G of NW Natural's Tariff. In accordance with the parameters of the Plan, the Company will file to revise Appendix A of its EE Plan when it plans to add, change, or remove a long-term incentive offering. The Energy Trust proposed adding and removing several measures for Commercial, Residential, and Multifamily programs to further increase program success. In support of these new measures and incentives, attached are the following work papers:

- Appendix A – Energy Trust's measure approval documents and blessing memos for the new measures
- Appendix B – Updated list of 2017 measures

These changes do not impact the 2017 EE Plan budget as these changes support the success of the programs, which are currently not expected to exceed the 2017 budget.

The Company has shared this filing with its Energy Efficiency Advisory Group and included with this filing is a letter of support from The Energy Project.

The Company respectfully requests that the tariff sheets filed herein be approved to become effective with service on and after July 1, 2017.

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

A copy of the filing is available for public inspection in the Company's main office in Portland, Oregon and on its website at www.nwnatural.com.

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Sincerely,

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Attachments:

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UG___NWNs WUTC Advice 17 03_Schedules G and I_Ltr of Support_05312017
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