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Re: Informational Filing—Combined Effects: November 1, 2019 Adjustments to Rates NW Natural WUTC Advice Nos. 19-03 through 19-06.

Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural (NW Natural or Company) provide the enclosed information related to its Tariff WN U-6, for proposed rates that are stated to become effective with service on and after November 1, 2019.

The purpose of this filing is to provide a summary of the effects of the Company's annual Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment (PGA)-related filings concurrently filed as WUTC Advice Nos. 19-03, 19-04, 19-05, and 19-06 to reflect: (1) the removal of temporary adjustments that were placed into rates effective November 1, 2018 and the application of the proposed temporary adjustments as identified in those filings, and (2) the application of the proposed Annual WACOG and demand charges identified in NW Natural's WUTC Advice No. 19-06, to customer rates proposed to be effective November 1, 2019.

In accordance with WAC 480-90-198, an additional purpose of this filing is to provide notice to customers as stated in WAC 480-90-194(4) by including with this filing a copy of the Company's press release that will be issued coincident with the submission of this filing as well as the notice that will be published in the Company's customer newsletter, the Comfort Zone.

The Company revises rates for these purposes annually; the last such filing was effective on November 1, 2018.

Due to the pendency of the Company's 2018 general rate case in docket UG-181053, which is expected to result in rates effective November 1, 2019, NW Natural has not included updated tariff sheets for Schedules 1-42 reflecting the PGA filings at this time but will reflect the effects of the PGA filings along with the rate effects resulting from UG-181053 in the compliance filing that will be made in that docket by November 1, 2019.

The combined effect of the rate changes in Advice Nos. 19-03, 19-04, 19-05, and 19-06 proposed to become effective November 1, 2019, is an increase to the average monthly bills in the primary rate schedules as follows: Residential Schedule 2 bills will increase by 5.0% and commercial Schedule 3 bills will increase 5.3%. If the effects of the temporary rate adjustments were permanent, the combined result of all components of the rate changes would be an increase in the Company's revenues from its Washington operations of \$4,038,781.

This rate change affects all of NW Natural's Washington customers. NW Natural currently serves approximately 78,579 residential customers and 7,337 business and industrial customers in the Company's Washington service territory.

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

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.

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