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May 25, 2021

NOTICE SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Northwest Natural Gas Company*,
Docket UG-200994(Consolidated)
*In the Matter of Northwest Natural Gas Company's, Petition for Accounting Order for
Approval of Depreciation and Amortization of Rates for Investment in Certain Software*
Docket, UG-200995 (Consolidated)
*In the Matter of the Petition of Northwest Natural Gas Company for an Accounting Order
Authorizing Deferred Accounting Treatment of Certain /Start-up Costs Associated with a
Major Information Technology and Services Project*,
Docket UG-200996 (Consolidated)
*In the Matter of the Petition of Northwest Natural Gas Company for an Accounting Order
Authorizing Deferred Accounting Treatment of Conservation Potential Assessment Costs*,
Docket UG-210085 (Consolidated)

TO ALL PARTIES:

On December 18, 2020, Northwest Natural Gas Company, d/b/a NW Natural, (NW Natural or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-6, Natural Gas Service. The purpose of the Company's filing is to increase rates and charges for natural gas service provided to customers in the state of Washington. The Commission suspended operation of the tariffs on January 7, 2021, by Order 01 entered in this docket.

On January 26, 2021, the Commission entered Order 03, Prehearing Conference Order; Notice of Hearing (Order 03) in this docket, which established a procedural schedule including an evidentiary hearing set for August 23-24, 2021.

On May 24, 2021, Commission staff (Staff) contacted the presiding officer to inform the Commission that Staff, the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers, the Energy Project, and the Company (collectively, the Settling Parties) have reached a multiparty settlement in principle

and request that the Commission cancel the current procedural schedule. Public Counsel does not contest the multiparty settlement.

The Commission finds good cause to suspend the procedural schedule, and thus grants the Settling Parties' request. All parties must submit to the Commission a proposal for a revised procedural schedule that allows for consideration of the settlement by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the Commission hereby suspends the procedural schedule in Docket UG-200994 et al (Consolidated).

THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That all parties must submit a proposed procedural schedule in this docket that allows for consideration of the potential settlement by 5 p.m., Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

/s/ Samantha Doyle
SAMANTHA DOYLE
Administrative Law Judge