

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, Complainant, v. NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS, d/b/a NW NATURAL, Respondent.	DOCKET UG-181053 ORDER 04 GRANTING MOTION TO AMEND ORDER 02
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MEMORANDUM

- 1 On December 31, 2018, Northwest Natural Gas, 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.
- 2 NW Natural also filed on December 31, 2018, a motion for standard protective order, requesting expedited treatment of the same. The Commission granted the motion and entered Order 02 – Protective Order, on January 8, 2019. Order 02 provides safeguards for the distribution and retention of confidential information in this proceeding.
- 3 On March 15, 2019, NW Natural filed an unopposed motion for amended protective order with highly confidential provisions (Motion), explaining that a recent information request seeks the production of highly sensitive financial forecasts, *i.e.*, highly confidential information. NW Natural asserts that if the requested information is released to current or potential counterparties or competitors, it could cause significant harm to NW Natural by providing competitors with a substantial advantage to NW Natural’s financial detriment. NW Natural thus requests that the Commission issue a new protective order that includes “highly confidential” provisions.
- 4 NW Natural requests expedited consideration of the Motion and states that it has conferred with the other parties in this docket and none object to either the Motion or its expedited treatment.

5 Because all parties support NW Natural's Motion, and to aid in timely discovery in this proceeding, the Commission grants NW Natural's Motion and amends Order 02 as indicated in Appendix A to this order.¹

ORDER

6 THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT Northwest Natural Gas, d/b/a NW Natural's Motion to Amend Order 02 is GRANTED.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective March 19, 2019.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

RAYNE PEARSON
Administrative Law Judge

¹ See, e.g., *In re Application of Qwest Corp. Regarding the Sale and Transfer of Qwest Dex to Dex Holdings, LLC, a non-affiliate*, Docket UT-021120, First Supplemental Order Amending Protective Order (Oct. 24, 2002).