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UG-200994 et al. / NWN WUTC Advice No. 21-09

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

 Ms. Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director and Secretary  
 Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
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**Re: UG-200994 / UG-200995 / UG-200996 / UG-210085, Order 05—NW Natural Compliance Filing with Combined Effects of Annual PGA: NW Natural WUTC Advice Nos. 21-04 through 21-08, Related to Dockets UG-210555, UG-210698, UG-210699, UG-210701, UG-170094 DO NOT REDOCKET**

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 Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural (NW Natural or Company), files herewith the following revisions and additions to its Tariff WN U-6, stated to become effective with service on and after **November 1, 2021 and November 1, 2022.**

<b>TABLE OF TARIFF SHEET REVISIONS</b>		
<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>CANCELS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
Twelfth Revision of Sheet vi	Eleventh Revision of Sheet vi	Tariff Index (continued)
Seventeenth Revision of Sheet vii	Sixteenth Revision of Sheet vii	Tariff Index (continued)
Thirtieth Revision of Sheet 101.1	Twenty-Ninth Revision of Sheet 101.1	Rate Schedule 1 “General Sales Service”
Thirtieth Revision of Sheet 102.1	Twenty-Ninth Revision of Sheet 102.1	Rate Schedule 2 “Residential Sales Service”
Eighteenth Revision of Sheet 103.3	Seventeenth Revision of Sheet 103.3	Rate Schedule 3 “Basic Firm Sales Service – Non-Residential (continued)”
Fifth Revision of Sheet 110.1	Fourth Revision of Sheet 110.1	Schedule 10 “Changes for Special Metering Equipment, Rental Meters and Metering Services”
Third Revision of Sheet 110.2	Second Revision of Sheet 110.2	Schedule 10 “Changes for Special Metering Equipment, Rental Meters and Metering Services (continued)”
Thirtieth Revision of Sheet 127.1	Twenty-Ninth Revision of Sheet 127.1	Schedule 27 “Residential Heating Dry-Out Service”

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<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>CANCELS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
Sixteenth Revision of Sheet 141.9	Fifteenth Revision of Sheet 141.9	Schedule 41 “Non-Residential Sales and Transportation Service (continued)”
Eleventh Revision of Sheet 141.10	Tenth Revision of Sheet 141.10	Schedule 41 “Non-Residential Sales and Transportation Service (continued)”
Seventeenth Revision of Sheet 142.10	Sixteenth Revision of Sheet 142.10	Schedule 42 “Large Volume Non-Residential Sales and Transportation Service (continued)”
Twelfth Revision of Sheet 142.10.1	Eleventh Revision of Sheet 142.10.1	Schedule 42 “Large Volume Non-Residential Sales and Transportation Service (continued)”
Seventeenth Revision of Sheet 142.11	Sixteenth Revision of Sheet 142.11	Schedule 42 “Large Volume Non-Residential Sales and Transportation Service (continued)”
Second Revision of Sheet 142.12	First Revision of Sheet 142.12	Schedule 42 “Large Volume Non-Residential Sales and Transportation Service (continued)”
Sixteenth Revision of Sheet 143.6	Fifteenth Revision of Sheet 143.6	Schedule 43 “High Volume Non-Residential Firm and Interruptible Transportation Service (continued)”
Ninth Revision of Sheet 200.1	Eighth Revision of Sheet 200.1	Schedule 200 “Summary of Adjustments”
Fifth Revision of Sheet 200.2	Fourth Revision of Sheet 200.2	Schedule 200 “Summary of Adjustments (continued)”
Sixth Revision of Sheet 207.1	Fifth Revision of Sheet 207.1	Schedule 207 “General Rate Adjustment”
Sixth Revision of Sheet 207.2	Fifth Revision of Sheet 207.2	Schedule 207 “General Rate Adjustment (continued)”
First Revision of Sheet 207.3	Original Sheet 207.3	Schedule 207 “General Rate Adjustment (continued)”
Fifth Revision of Sheet 210.1	Fourth Revision of Sheet 210.1	Schedule 210 “Adjustment to Rates for Property Sales”
Twenty-Third Revision of Sheet 215.1	Twenty-Second Revision of Sheet 215.1	Schedule 215 “Adjustment to Rates Energy Efficiency Service and Programs”
Original Sheet 215.2	N/A	Schedule 215 “Adjustment to Rates Energy Efficiency Service and Programs (continued)”
Second Revision of Sheet 305.1	First Revision of Sheet 305.1	Schedule 305 “Adjustment for Certain Income Taxes (2017 Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act)”

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<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>CANCELS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
Second Revision of Sheet 305.2	First Revision of Sheet 305.2	Schedule 305 “Adjustment for Certain Income Taxes (2017 Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act) (continued)”
Second Revision of Sheet 305.3	First Revision of Sheet 305.3	Schedule 305 “Adjustment for Certain Income Taxes (2017 Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act) (continued)”
Second Revision of Sheet 305.4	First Revision of Sheet 305.4	Schedule 305 “Adjustment for Certain Income Taxes (2017 Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act) (continued)”
Original Sheet 306.1	N/A	Schedule 306 “Multi-Year Rate Plan Adjustment”

This filing is made in accordance with RCW 80.28.060, WAC 480-80-101 and -105, and WAC 480-07-880; and in compliance with Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) Order 05 in consolidated dockets UG-200994, UG-200995, UG-200996, and UG-210085 issued October 21, 2021 (Order 05).<sup>1</sup>

**Purpose**

The purpose of this filing is to provide the applicable tariff sheets listed in the table above in compliance with Order 05 and to reflect the combined effects of the Company’s general rate revision approved in Order 05 and the effect of rate changes filed with the Commission as part of the Company’s annual Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) and related filings effective on November 1, 2021, listed by docket above. The combined effect of these rate changes on customer bills is shown in the table below:

<b>Type of Service</b>	<b>Schedule Number</b>	<b>Average monthly Bill Change (\$)</b>	<b>Average monthly Bill Change (%)</b>
General Residential Sales Service	1	\$3.82	13.6%
General Commercial Sales Service	1	\$20.42	14.3%
Residential Sales Service	2	\$9.15	15.7%
Commercial Sales Service	3	\$36.74	16.2%
Industrial Sales Service	3	\$147.62	17.8%
Residential Heating Dry-Out Service	27	\$7.20	17.6%
Commercial Firm Sales	41	\$470.63	19.4%
Non-Residential Firm Transportation	41	\$93.37	4.6%
Industrial Firm Sales	41	\$530.54	17.6%

<sup>1</sup> *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Northwest Natural Gas, d/b/a NW Natural*, Docket UG-200994, Order 05, (Oct. 21, 2021).

Large Volume Commercial Firm Sales	42	\$1,517.31	23.5%
Large Volume Commercial Interruptible Sales	42	\$5,417.91	31.6%
Large Volume Industrial Firm Sales	42	\$1,380.23	21.3%
Large Volume Industrial Interruptible Sales	42	\$1,821.24	26.1%
Large Volume Commercial Firm Transportation	42	\$470.67	6.3%
Large Volume Industrial Firm Transportation	42	\$424.70	5.1%

*The percentages for Rate Schedule 41 and Rate Schedule 42 do not include the effect of demand costs.*

## **Background**

On December 18, 2020, NW Natural filed a general rate case docketed as UG-200994. In Order 05, the Commission approved the Multi-Party Settlement Agreement filed in UG-200994, resolving all issues in the case. The effective date of the Year One rates approved in Order 05 is November 1, 2021, and the effective date of the Year Two rates approved in Order 05 is November 1, 2022.<sup>2</sup>

On September 13, 2021, NW Natural filed its annual PGA and related filings in the dockets listed in the subject line of this compliance letter. The Commission will consider all of these filings at its October 28 open meeting, with an effective date of November 1, 2021.

## **Proposed Changes**

### **UG-200994 Tariff Revisions**

The enclosed rate schedules reflect the changes adopted by Order 05 and are listed in the table of tariff sheet revisions above.

#### **Schedule 215 Adjustment to Rates for Energy Efficiency Service and Programs**

In this compliance filing, the Company is updating the enclosed Schedule 215 to: 1) suspend half the Historical Balance amortization in the tariff by reducing the rates, effectively suspending half of the original amount; and, 2) add rates for the amortization of the Conservation Potential Assessment deferral.<sup>3</sup> The enclosed Schedule 215 reflects the same current year, or forecasted, costs (see column "Schedule G Current Year Costs" in tariff table in Schedule 215) that were filed in UG-210698 on September 13, 2021, which is scheduled to be considered at the October 28 open meeting. UG-210698 included the Twenty-Second Revision of Sheet 215.1. In this compliance filing, the Company is providing the Twenty-Third Revision of Sheet 215.1 and Original Sheet 215.2 to reflect the results of combining the rates contemplated in UG-210698 and Order 05.

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<sup>2</sup> In compliance with the Multi-Party Settlement Agreement approved in Order 05, NW Natural will file and serve to parties its Year Two Pro Forma comprehensive filing when the final costs of Year two projects are known and measurable no later than February 28, 2023.

<sup>3</sup> Order 05 at ¶ 32 and 34.

### **Combined effects of Order 05 and PGA and related filings**

Exhibit A of this compliance filing reflects the combined effects of the general rate changes adopted in docket UG-200994 and the effects of the respective PGA-related dockets listed above.

### **Conclusion**

NW Natural respectfully requests that the tariff sheet revisions listed in the table above, which have been revised in compliance with Order 05, be approved with an effective date of November 1, 2021 and November 1, 2022, as applicable.

As required by WAC 480-07-880(3), a copy of this compliance filing is being served on each party to this proceeding. The filing, including work papers, is being served via email. One of the work papers contains confidential information per WAC 480-07-160 and Protective Order 02 of Docket UG-200994 and will be provided to Parties who have signed the Protective Order.

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](http://www.nwnatural.com).

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