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#### VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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# Re: Schedule 210: Adjustment to Rates for Property Sales

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

Seventh Revision of Sheet 210.1	Schedule 210	Adjustment to Rates for Property Sales
First Revision of Sheet 210.2	Schedule 210	Adjustment to Rates for Property Sales (continued)

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this filing is to revise Schedule 210 to reflect adjustments to rates for the effects of last years amortization of property sales and the proposed inclusion of the residual amounts that were over amortized.

The proposed adjustments are requested to become effective November 1, 2023, coincident with the requested effective date of the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) filing, separately submitted as NW Natural's WUTC Advice No. 23-13.

#### **Proposed Changes**

The proposed Schedule 210 adjustments are calculated on an equal-percentage-of margin basis, and are shown for each rate schedule on page 1 of the supporting materials to this filing. It should be noted that the proposed Schedule 210 adjustments represent only a portion of the deferred accounts that are proposed to be applied to customer rates effective November 1, 2023 (see NW Natural's WUTC Advice Nos. 23-03, 23-05, 23-06, 23-07, 23-08, 23-09, 23-11, 23-12 and 23-13). As such, the bill effects stated herein are provided for illustrative purposes only and reflect the effect of removing the current Schedule 210 adjustments and applying the proposed Schedule 210 adjustments to current billing rates.

If there were no other adjustments to rates effective November 1, 2023, the average Schedule 2 residential customer using 58 therms would see a bill increase of \$0.39 per month, and the average Schedule 3 commercial customer using 249 therms would see a bill increase of \$1.49 per month. The bill impact for customers on the other residential and commercial rate schedules is shown on page 2 of the supporting materials to this filing. If the effects of the temporary rate adjustments were

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permanent, the rate changes would be an increase in the Company's revenues from its Washington operations of \$534,694, or 0.52%.

In accordance with WAC 480-90-198 and WAC 480-90-194(5), the Company will provide notice to customers as stated in WAC 480-90-194(3). A copy of this notice is included with the Company's PGA filing, WUTC Advice No. 23-13.

The proposed rate change will affect all of NW Natural's Washington customers. NW Natural currently serves approximately 89,231 residential customers and 7,189 business and industrial customers in the Company's Washington service territory.

### Conclusion

The Company respectfully requests that the tariff sheet filed herewith be approved to become effective with service on and after November 1, 2023.

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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## Attachments:

NEW-NWN-WUTC-Advice-23-10-Property-Sales-Trf-Sheet-210-1-09-15-23 NEW-NWN-WUTC-Advice-23-10-Property-Sales-Trf-Sheet-210-2-09-15-23 NEW-NWN-WUTC-Advice-23-10-Property-Sales-Exh-A-09-15-23 NEW-NWN-WUTC-Advice-23-10-Property-Sales-Exh-A-09-15-23-xlsx