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RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Northwest Natural Gas Company*,
Dockets UG-200994, UG-200995, UG-200996, and UG-210085 (Consolidated)

TO ALL PARTIES:

On October 21, 2021, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered its final order, Order 05, Final Order Approving and Adopting Settlement Agreement (Order 05) in the above-referenced dockets. Order 05, among other things, allowed Northwest Natural Gas Company's (NW Natural or Company) to submit revised tariff pages to begin collecting year two rates as proposed in the Settlement Agreement effective on November 1, 2022, subject to retrospective review and possible refund. Order 05 then required that the Company file a Year Two Pro Forma comprehensive filing reporting the costs of its capital projects no later than February 28, 2023.¹

On December 2, 2022, NW Natural made the required Year Two Pro Forma filing, which includes a full review of the capital projects listed in Order 05 and the Company's justification for the Year Two revenue increase.

Per Order 05, as long as no party disputed the filing, it would be subject to approval consistent with the compliance filing process outlined in WAC 480-07-880, rendering the rates no longer subject to later review.²

On March 2, 2023, Commission staff (Staff) filed a letter in these consolidated dockets stating that Staff had reviewed the filing and believes that it complies with the terms of Order 05 and the Joint Settlement Agreement approved therein.

No other party filed any comments or disputed the adequacy of the filing or the calculations therein.

¹ Order 05, ¶22.

² *Id.*

The Commission finds that the Year Two Pro Forma exhibits, testimony, and workpapers filed on December 2, 2022, comply with Order 05. Because the deadline for responses has expired without comment by any other party, the rates that became effective on November 1, 2022, are no longer subject to review and refund.

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Acting Executive Director and Secretary