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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Kathy Hunter, Acting Executive Director & Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
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Re: NEW Schedule: Industrial Energy Efficiency

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, 2023, as follows:

Original Sheet 233.1	Schedule 233	Temporary Adjustment to Rates – Industrial Customer Energy Efficiency Audit Costs
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Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to introduce Schedule 233 to reflect the rate effects of the costs associated with industrial customer energy efficiency audits, the deferral and tracking of which has been authorized by the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission (Commission) Order 01 in docket UG-220512.

NW Natural’s 2021 Conservation Potential Assessment identified cost-effective savings potential within the industrial sales sector of the Company’s customer base, totaling 162,000 therms over the next 10 years. As a result, and with the support of the Company’s Energy Efficiency Advisory Group, NW Natural offers a limited time, voluntary audit program for industrial sales and transport customers.

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 adjustments are calculated on an equal cent per therm basis to all industrial and transportation customers and are shown for each rate schedule on page 1 of the supporting materials to this filing. It should be noted that the proposed 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, 23-10, 23-12 and 23-13). As such, the bill effects stated herein are provided for illustrative purposes only.

The average Schedule 3 industrial customer using 1,218 therms would see a bill increase of \$1.01 per month. The bill impact for customers on the other industrial or transportation rate schedules is

shown on page 2 of the supporting materials to this filing. If the effects of the temporary rate adjustments were permanent, the rate changes would be an increase in the Company's revenues from its Washington operations of \$17,130, or 0.02%.

In support of this filing, the Company provides worksheets showing the derivation of the proposed Schedule 233 adjustments to rates, and a worksheet showing the deferral account 151887 balance.

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 industrial and transportation customers. NW Natural's affected customers are approximately 80 industrial and transportation customers in the Company's Washington service territory.

Conclusion

The Company respectfully requests that the tariff sheets 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:

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