

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY

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SCHEDULE J
GAS RESIDENTIAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE TARIFF (GREAT)**APPLICABLE:**

To Residential Customers ("Households") that take service under Rate Schedule 1 or Rate Schedule 2 of this Tariff and that have qualified for bill payment assistance through a NW Natural authorized Delivery Agent.

PROGRAM YEAR:

Funds will be made available under this program on a continuous twelve-month basis. For accounting and ratemaking purposes, the program year will extend from October 1 through September 30 ("Program Year").

PROGRAM FUNDING:

Total Program Funds (where Total Program Funds are equal to customer grants plus administrative and delivery costs) are subject to a combined program year cap of \$500,000.

A surcharge will apply to the regular monthly bills of all Sales Service Class Customers that take service under Rate Schedules 1, 2, 3, 41 and 42. The surcharge will be designed to amortize the actual amount of Total Program Funds accumulated for the Program Year on an equal percent of margin basis, adjusted for revenue sensitive effects. The surcharge calculation will be included with the Company's Annual Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment filing, and will be effective November 1 of each year. The surcharge amount for the respective Rate Schedules will be set forth in Schedule 230 of this Tariff.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND DELIVERY:

This program will be administered through designated agencies ("Delivery Agents") that: (a) meet the criteria for a "Qualifying Organization" as defined in RCW 82.16.0497; (b) the Company determines is capable of meeting performance obligations under this program; and (c) executes a contract with the Company that is consistent with the terms of this Schedule.

Each Delivery Agent will have sole responsibility to screen and approve bill payment assistance applicants for eligibility. Each Agent shall follow the established protocols for the qualification of and disbursement to eligible participants in accordance with the guidelines established by the Washington Department of Community Trade and Economic Development for disbursement of federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds. Except that, for purposes of this program, income-eligibility will be allowed up to 150% of federal poverty guidelines.

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