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Open Meeting Agenda

10/28/2021
9:30 A.M.

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A. UTILITIES

Item	Docket	Company Description
1.	UG-210711	<p>Cascade Natural Gas Corporation</p> <p>Revises Tariff WN U-3, Schedule 590 and 595, Purchased Gas Adjustment and Temporary Technical Adjustment, passing through changes in gas cost for the coming year and revising the amortization rate for the deferral balance. The revised rates increase annual revenue by \$36.1 million (or 13.72 percent). A residential customer using an average of 56 therms per month would see an increase of \$8.06.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Betty Ann Erdahl +1 (360) 664-1283 betty.erdahl@utc.wa.gov</p>
2.	UG-210721	<p>Puget Sound Energy</p> <p>Revises Tariff WN U-2, annual Purchased Gas Adjustment, to reflect the projected cost of natural gas for the upcoming year (Schedule 101) and the amortization rate for the deferral balance (Schedule 106). The revised rates increase annual revenue by \$59.1 million (or 5.8 percent). A residential customer using an average of 64 therms per month would see an increase of \$3.84.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Kristen Hillstead +1 (360) 664-1281 kristen.hillstead@utc.wa.gov</p>

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3. UG-210729 **Natural Gas General**

Chair Danner's motion to consider whether natural gas utilities should continue to use the Perpetual Net Present Value methodology to calculate natural gas line extension allowances.

Staff Investigation

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B. TRANSPORTATION

Item	Docket	Company Description
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1. TG-210647 **Rubatino Refuse Removal Inc.**

Proposed general rate increase that would generate approximately \$2,126,500 (17.5 percent) additional annual revenue. The company provides regulated solid waste collection and recycling service to approximately 28,000 residential customers in Snohomish County. The company's last general rate increase became effective on September 1, 2019.

Tariff Revision

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C. OTHER

D. RECESSED

NOTE: This item will be heard on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.

Item	Docket	Company Description
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1. U-210254 **Utilities General**

Recessed meeting to hear from electric utilities about the effectiveness of their fire mitigation and communication plans during the 2021 wildfire season.

Staff Investigation

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E. CONSENT

Item	Docket	Company Description
1.	UW-210700	<p>BC Water Co., LLC</p> <p>Tariff revision to add irrigation rates to tariff and request exemption of WAC 480-110-375(1)(a). Company request to bill irrigation semi-annually.</p> <p>Petition</p> <p>Staff Contact: Jim Ward +1 (360) 664-1250 jim.ward@utc.wa.gov</p>
2.	TG-210724	<p>Tacoma-Pierce County</p> <p>Commission's comments on the cost impact of Tacoma-Pierce County Solid Waste Management Plan on customers served by regulated solid waste collection companies.</p> <p>Plan</p> <p>Staff Contact: Scott Sevall +1 (360) 664-1230 scott.sevall@utc.wa.gov</p>
3.	TG-210734	<p>Stevens County</p> <p>Commission's comments on the cost impact of the Stevens County Solid Waste Management Plan on customers served by regulated solid waste collection companies.</p> <p>Plan</p> <p>Staff Contact: Greg Hammond +1 (360) 664-1278 greg.hammond@utc.wa.gov</p>
4.	UG-210801	<p>Cascade Natural Gas Corporation</p> <p>Less Than Statutory Notice request to revise Tariff WN U-3 to request authorization to raise the COVID-19 bill assistance funding threshold by an additional 0.5 percent of retail revenues to an overall 1.5 percent funding level or a total of \$3,709,875.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Molly Brewer +1 (360) 664-1237 molly.brewer@utc.wa.gov</p>

F. NO ACTION

Item	Docket	Re/Filed Effective	Company Description
1.	UG-170094	2/10/2017	<p>Northwest Natural Gas Company</p> <p>Cancels Schedule 209 in Tariff WN U-6, Credits to Customers Related to Holding Company Formation, as a condition of Stipulated Condition 35 adopted by the Commission December 28, 2017. A residential customer using an average of 57 therms per month would see a bill increase of \$0.04.</p> <p>Transfer of Property</p> <p>Staff Contact: Kristen Hillstead +1 (360) 664-1281 kristen.hillstead@utc.wa.gov</p>
2.	UG-210408	6/1/2021 11/1/2021	<p>Cascade Natural Gas Corporation</p> <p>Revises Tariff WN U-3, Schedule 597, Cost Recovery Mechanism replacing high risk pipe, to increase revenues by \$1.7 million or 0.64 percent. A residential customer using an average of 56 therms per month would see an increase of \$0.34.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Betty Ann Erdahl +1 (360) 664-1283 betty.erdahl@utc.wa.gov</p>
3.	UG-210555	7/15/2021 11/1/2021	<p>Northwest Natural Gas Company</p> <p>Revises Tariff WN U-6, Schedule 303, adjusting rates to reflect environmental remediation expenses incurred between January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2020, consistent with Order 06 of Docket UG-181053. The revised rates reflect a revenue increase of \$0.2 million. A residential customer using an average of 56 therms per month would see a bill increase of \$0.15.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: David Panco +1 (360) 664-1313 david.panco@utc.wa.gov</p>

4.	UE-210669	8/31/2021 11/1/2021	<p>Avista Corporation</p> <p>Revises Tariff WN U-28. This revision reflects a rate adjustment to pass through approximately \$10.7 million in Residential Exchange Program benefits from the Bonneville Power Administration.</p> <p>The proposed rate credit is 0.417¢ per kilowatt-hour which is a .031¢ increase from the 0.386¢ per kilowatt-hour rate credit approved in November 1st, 2020.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Margrete Jordahl +1 (360) 664-1274 margrete.jordahl@utc.wa.gov</p>
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5.	UG-210672	8/31/2021 11/1/2021	<p>Avista Corporation</p> <p>Revises Tariff WN U-29, Schedules 149, 150, and 155, Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment, Gas Rate Adjustment, and Backup and Supplemental Compressed Natural Gas Service, passing through changes in gas cost for the coming year and revising the amortization rate for the deferral balance. The revised rates increase annual revenue by \$17.5 million (or 10.6 percent). A residential customer using an average of 66 therms per month would see an increase of \$5.81.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Jason Ball +1 (360) 664-1279 jason.ball@utc.wa.gov</p>
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6.	UG-210678	8/31/2021 11/1/2021	<p>Puget Sound Energy</p> <p>Revises Tariff WN U-2, Schedule 149 Cost Recovery Mechanism for replacing high risk pipelines. This change increases revenues by \$4.9 million or 0.48 percent. A residential customer using an average of 64 therms per month would see a bill increase of \$0.31.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Jason Ball +1 (360) 664-1279 jason.ball@utc.wa.gov</p>

7.	UG-210698		Northwest Natural Gas Company
			Revises Tariff WN U-6, Schedule 215, Energy Efficiency Programs and Services, increasing the company's annual revenue by \$683,574 or 1.09 percent of total revenue. A residential customer using an average of 57 therms per month will see a bill increase of \$0.51.
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8.	UG-210699	9/13/2021	Northwest Natural Gas Company
		11/1/2021	Revises Tariff WN U-6, Schedule 230 to reflect the true-up of the revenue collection and program spending for Gas Residential Energy Assistance Tariff and Washington Low-Income Energy Efficiency Programs. If granted, an average residential customer using 57 therms will see a bill decrease of \$0.11 per month.
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9.	UG-210701	9/13/2021	Northwest Natural Gas Company
		11/1/2021	Revises Tariff WN U-6, Schedules 201 and 203, Temporary (Technical) Adjustments to Rates and Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment, passing through changes in gas cost for the coming year and revising the amortization rate for the deferral balance. The revised rates increase annual revenue by \$9.3 million (or 12.8 percent). A residential customer using an average of 57 therms per month would see an increase of \$5.73.
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10.	TG-210703	9/13/2021 11/1/2021	<p>Waste Management of Washington, Inc.</p> <p>Tariff revisions for Waste Management of Ellensburg that would generate approximately \$45,000 (2.2 percent) additional annual revenue to recover the increased cost of disposal fees set by the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners. On September 7, 2021, disposal fees will increase from \$116.33 per ton to \$121.63 per ton at the Kittitas County transfer stations. The company serves approximately 3,600 garbage customers in Kittitas County. The company's last general rate increase became effective on October 1, 2014.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Scott Sevall +1 (360) 664-1230 scott.sevall@utc.wa.gov</p>
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11.	UG-210707	9/15/2021 11/1/2021	<p>Cascade Natural Gas Corporation</p> <p>Revises Tariff WN U-3, Schedule 596, Conservation Program Adjustment tariff, to increase revenues by \$940,337 or 0.4 percent. A residential customer using an average of 56 therms per month would see an increase of \$0.21.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Heather Moline +1 (360) 664-1330 heather.moline@utc.wa.gov</p>
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12.	UG-210708	9/15/2021 11/1/2021	<p>Cascade Natural Gas Corporation</p> <p>Revises Tariff WN U-3, Schedule 594 - Decoupling Mechanism Adjustment, to amortize the difference between authorized revenues and actual revenues for the period January 01, 2020, through December 31, 2020. A residential customer using an average of 56 therms per month would see a bill increase of \$1.11.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Jason Ball +1 (360) 664-1279 jason.ball@utc.wa.gov</p>

13.	UG-210709	9/15/2021	Cascade Natural Gas Corporation
		11/1/2021	Revises Tariff WN U-3 to adjust the Protected-Plus and Unprotected Excess Deferred Income Tax reversals rate adjustment for the true-up provision adopted in Docket UG-170929. The impact to an average customer using 56 therms per month will be a \$0.05 increase or 0.09 percent.
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14.	TG-210727	9/15/2021	Waste Management of Washington, Inc.
		11/1/2021	Tariff revisions by Brem-Air Disposal increasing the residential recycling credit to customers by \$1.98 (increasing from a charge of \$0.20 to a credit of \$1.78) per month and increasing the multi-family recycling credit to customers by \$0.90 (increasing from a charge of \$0.03 to a credit of \$0.87) per unit. The Company serves approximately 46,000 residential recycling customers and 1,600 multi-family recycling customers in Kitsap County. The company's last general rate increase became effective on October 1, 2014.
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15.	TC-210730	9/10/2021	The Rock Transportation Services Corporation
		11/1/2021	Time Schedule No. 15 modifying operating schedule due to WA State Ferry winter schedule, local airport flight schedules and military and business/recreation travel time changes required to meet demand.
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16. UE-210757 9/30/2021 **Puget Sound Energy**
11/1/2021 Revises Tariff WN U-60, Schedule 194, passing through the benefits the Company received from the Bonneville Power Administration under the Residential Exchange Program. If approved, a typical residential customer using 900 kWh per month will experience a monthly rate decrease of approximately \$0.63.

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17. UG-210758 9/30/2021 **Puget Sound Energy**
11/1/2021 Revises Tariff WN U-2, to revise the terms of service and availability date for service under PSE's new Supplemental Schedule 138 Voluntary Renewable Natural Gas Purchase Rider to February 1, 2022.

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