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A. UTILITIES

Item	Docket	Company Description
1. UG-230709 Avista Corporation		Avista Corporation
		Revises Tariff WN U-29, Annual Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) to: 1) pass through the changes in the estimated cost of natural gas for the upcoming year (Schedule 150), and 2) revise the amortization rates(s) to refund or collect the balance of deferred natural gas commodity and demand costs (Schedule 155). The Company is requesting an overall revenue decrease of \$8.1 million, or 3.0 percent, effective November 1, 2023. The impact on a residential customer's monthly bill with an average consumption of 67 therms is a reduction of \$6.76, or 6.98 percent.
		Tariff Revision
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2. UG-230745 Cascade Natural Gas Corporation

Revises Tariff WN U-3, Annual Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) to: 1) pass through changes in the estimated cost of natural gas for the upcoming year (Schedule 595), and 2) revise the amortization rate(s) to refund or collect the balance of deferred natural gas commodity and demand costs (Schedule 590). The Company is requesting an overall revenue decrease of \$0.7 million, or 0.21 percent, effective November 1, 2023. The impact on a residential customer's monthly bill with an average consumption of 54 therms is a decrease of \$0.15, or 0.2 percent.

Tariff Revision

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3. UG-230763 Northwest Natural Gas Company

Revises Tariff WN U-6, Annual Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) to: 1) pass through changes in the estimated cost of natural gas for the upcoming year (Schedule 203), and 2) revise the amortization rate(s) to refund or collect the balance of deferred natural gas commodity and demand costs (Schedule 201). The Company is requesting an overall revenue decrease of \$12.2 million, or 11.98 percent, effective November 1, 2023. The impact on a residential customer's monthly bill with an average consumption of 58 therms is a decrease of \$8.12, or 9.0 percent.

Tariff Revision

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4. UG-230769 Puget Sound Energy

Revises Tariff WN U-2, Annual Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) to: 1) pass through changes in the estimated cost of natural gas for the upcoming year (Schedule 101), and 2) revise the amortization rate(s) to refund or collect the balance of deferred natural gas commodity and demand costs (Schedule 106). The Company is requesting an overall revenue decrease of \$309.4 million, or 17.3 percent, effective November 1, 2023. The impact on a residential customer's monthly bill with an average consumption of 64 therms is a decrease of \$24.08, or 24.3 percent.

Tariff Revision

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5. UG-230756 Puget Sound Energy

Revises Tariff WN U-2, Schedule 111, to incorporate into rates the Climate Commitment Act allowance costs and auction proceeds deferred between January 1, 2023, and September 30, 2023. A typical residential customer using 64 therms per month would see an increase of \$2.36 per month, or 2.38 percent. Known low-income customers would receive a credit that fully offsets the rate increase.

Tariff Revision

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B. TRANSPORTATION

Item	Docket	Company Description
1. TG-230668 T c		Torre Refuse & Recycling LLC
		General rate increase request that, as originally filed, would have generated approximately \$1.1 million (18.7 percent) additional annual revenue for the collection of garbage, recycling, and yard waste services. Staff and the company have agreed to a lower additional annual revenue amount of approximately \$1.0 million (17.2 percent) resulting in lower revised rates. The Company provides regulated solid waste collection service to approximately 23,000 customers in Spokane County. The Company's last general rate increase became effective on May 1, 2022.
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C. OTHER

D. RECESSED

E. CONSENT

Company Item Docket Description

1. UG-210974 Northwest Natural Gas Company

Petition for an accounting order authorizing a change in depreciation rates applicable to the Company's depreciable natural gas plant as of December 31, 2020.

Petition for Accounting Order

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2. TG-220100 Island Disposal, Inc.

Petition for continuation under WAC 480-07-385 of the Order 01 requirement to submit a general rate filing with an effective date of November 1, 2023. The Company requests a 6-month extension to allow preparation of materials, implementation of a recycling program, avoid refiling a rate filing when recycling is implemented, and allow for additional information on labor to be collected.

Petition

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3. UT-230713 State of Washington Military Department Emergency Management Division

Petition for 911 State Excise Tax for calendar year 2024 by the Washington Military Department Emergency Management Division, State 911 Coordinator's Office.

Petition

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4. TV-230820 Hurley Piano Services, LLC

Petition for Exemption from WAC 480-15-302(11) to Allow Reinstatement Before 12 Months Since Permit Cancellation and Application for Reinstatement of THG057201.

Petition for Exemption

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5. TR-230821 Ash Grove Cement Company

Petition for Exemption from railroad clearance rules in 480-60-040 and WAC 480-60-050 at the Ash Grove Cement Company facility in Spokane Valley, WA.

Petition for Exemption

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6. TG-230843 Columbia River Disposal, Inc.

Less than statutory notice for Columbia River Disposal Inc. G-51 Special Fuel Surcharge Supplement No. 10 in the amount of 2.11 percent. To be effective November 1, 2023, and expire November 30, 2023. The Company serves approximately 1,700 residential and 240 commercial garbage customers in Klickitat County.

Fuel Surcharge Tariff

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7. TG-230844 Waste Management of Washington, Inc.

Less than statutory notice request for Tariff revisions for a \$1.76 increase (credit decrease from \$1.64 to a \$0.12 charge) per month for residential recycling customers and \$0.88 increase (credit decrease from \$0.81 to a \$0.07 charge) per month for multi-family recycling customers. The Company serves approximately 597,000 residential and 68,600 multi-family recycling customers in Kitsap County.

Tariff Revision

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8. TG-230845 Columbia River Disposal, Inc.

Less than statutory notice for Columbia River Disposal G-48 for Special Fuel Surcharge Supplement No. 9 in the amount of 0.78 percent. To be effective November 1, 2023, and expire on November 30, 2023. The Company serves approximately 1,700 residential and 240 commercial garbage customers in Skamania County.

Fuel Surcharge Tariff

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F. NO ACTION

Item	Docket	Re/Filed Effective	Company Description
1.	UE-230320	4/28/2023	Puget Sound Energy
		5/28/2023	Revises Tariff WN U-60, The purpose of this filing is to submit the tariff revisions that are necessary to effectuate the transfer related to 2022 plant. This filing will have no impact on overall customer rates as they merely serve to transfer the rates from one tariff schedule to another.
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2.	UG-230323	4/28/2023	Puget Sound Energy
		11/1/2023	Revises Tariff WN U-2, The purpose of this filing is to submit the tariff revisions that are necessary to effectuate the transfer related to 2022 plant. This filing will have a minimal impact on customer rates.
			Tariff Revision
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3.	UG-230426	6/1/2023	Cascade Natural Gas Corporation
		11/1/2023	Revises Tariff WN U-3, increasing overall revenue requirement by \$2,426,849; or, 0.71 percent. The average residential customer using 54 therms per month will see an increase of \$0.50 per month, or 0.66 percent.
			Tariff Revision
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4.	UG-230611	7/14/2023	Northwest Natural Gas Company
		11/1/2023	Revises Tariff WN U-6, the purpose of this filing is to adjust Schedule 303 to recover the Company's environmental remediation expenses incurred between January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022, consistent with Order 06 in Docket UG-181053. The Company is requesting a revenue decrease of \$761,807, if there were no other adjustments to rates effective November 1, 2023, the average residential Schedule 2 customer using 58 therms would see a decrease of \$0.54 per month, and the average commercial Schedule 3 customer using 249 therms would see a decrease of \$2.10 per month.
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5.	UE-230704	9/1/2023	Avista Corporation
		11/1/2023	Revises Tariff WN U-28 to increase funding collected under the Company's electric tariff Schedule 92, Low-Income Rate Assistance Program. The Company is requesting a revenue increase of \$7.6 million, or an increase of 1.3 percent. The average residential electric customer using 932 kWhs would see a \$1.44 bill increase per month.
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6.	UG-230705	9/1/2023	Avista Corporation
		11/1/2023	Revises Tariff WN U-29 to increase funding collected under the Company's natural gas tariff Schedule 192, Low-Income Rate Assistance Program. The Company is requesting a revenue increase of \$4.6 million, or an increase of 1.7 percent. The average residential natural gas customer using 67 therms would see a bill increase of \$2.11 per month.
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7.	UE-230707	9/1/2023	Avista Corporation
		11/1/2023	Revises Tariff WN U-28 to reflect a rate adjustment to decrease the rebate related to Residential Exchange Program benefits the Company receives from the Bonneville Power Administration. A typical residential customer using 932kWh per month will see an increase of \$0.37 per month, or 0.4 percent.
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8.	UE-230708	9/1/2023	Avista Corporation
		11/1/2023	Revises Tariff WN U-28, Schedule 88 - Wildfire Expense Balancing Account, to reflect a \$1.4 million increase in deferred wildfire expenses over the baseline authorized by the Commission in Dockets UE-200900 and UE-220053. A typical residential customer using 932 kWhs per month would see an increase of \$0.19 per month, or 0.2 percent.
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9.	UE-230710	9/1/2023	Avista Corporation
		11/1/2023	Revises Tariff WN U-28, to reflect a total surcharge of \$87,000, or 0.02 percent, effective November 1, 2023. An insurance renewal summary is also provided consistent with provisions of conditions in Order 10/01 of Dockets UE-220053, et. al. The average electric residential customer using 932 kWhs per month will see a bill increase of \$0.02, or approximately 0.02 percent.
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10.	UG-230711	9/1/2023	Avista Corporation
		11/1/2023	Revises Tariff WN U-29, to reflect a total surcharge of (\$10,000), or -0.004 percent, effective November 1, 2023. An insurance renewal summary is also provided consistent with provisions of conditions in Order 10/01 of Dockets UE-220053, et. al. The average natural gas residential customer using 64 therms per month will see a bill decrease that is not material enough to warrant a rate change.
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11.	TG-230737	9/11/2023	Trilogy MedWaste West, LLC
		11/1/2023	Tariff revision adding per pound rates for medical waste pickup to comply with federal and state government contract requirements. The company conducted a two-month weight study of its current volume-based services to calculate equivalent weight-based rates for each container capacity.
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12.	UG-230746	9/15/2023	Cascade Natural Gas Corporation
		11/1/2023	Revises Tariff WN U-3, Schedule 596 to reflect changes in the amount of conservation program expenditures increasing customer rates as a result of deferral account amortizations. The average residential customer using 54 therms per month will see a bill increase of \$0.88 per month, or 1.2 percent.
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13.	UG-230747	9/15/2023	Cascade Natural Gas Corporation
		11/1/2023	Revises Tariff WN U-3, the purpose of this filing is to adjust the Unprotected EDIT (Excess Deferred Income Tax) reversals rate adjustment in accordance with the true-up provision adopted in Order 06 in Docket UG-170929.
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14.	UG-230750	9/15/2023	Cascade Natural Gas Corporation
		10/15/2023	Revises Tariff WN U-3, to amortize the difference between authorized revenues and actual revenues for the timeframe of January 1, 2022, through December 31 2022, which is consistent with the Company's Rule 21, Decoupling Mechanism, and the terms adopted by Orde 04 in UG-152286. The Company is requesting a revenue decrease of \$9,306,037. If there were no other adjustments to rates effective November 1, 2023, the average residential customer using 54 therms would see a bill decrease of \$1.64, and the average commercial customer using 271 therms per month would see a bill decrease of \$15.85.
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15.	UG-230754	9/15/2023	Cascade Natural Gas Corporation
		11/1/2023	Revises Tariff WN U-3, increasing overall revenue requirement by \$2,752,481 or 0.727 percent. The average residential customer using 54 therms per month will see an increase of 0.67 percent, or \$0.51 per month.
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16.	UG-230758	9/15/2023	Northwest Natural Gas Company
		11/1/2023	Revises Tariff WN U-6, Schedule 230, to reflect adjustments to rates from the effects of applying temporary rate adjustments to amortize balances in the deferred accounts for the collection of 2022 program year costs under Schedule J "Gas Residential Energy Assistance Tariff (GREAT) and Schedule I "Washington Low-Income Energy Efficiency (WA-LIEE) Programs. The average residential customer using 58 therms would see a bill decrease of \$0.03 per month, or less than 0.01 percent.
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17.	UG-230759	9/15/2023	Northwest Natural Gas Company
		11/1/2023	Revises Tariff WN U-6 to introduce Schedule 232 to reflect the regulatory fee increase required by RCW 80.24.010. A typical residential customer using 58 therms will see an increase to their monthly bill of \$0.16 per month, or 0.2 percent.
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18.	UG-230760	9/15/2023	Northwest Natural Gas Company
		11/1/2023	Revises Tariff WN U-6, Schedule 215 to reflect adjustments to rates for the effects of applying temporary rate adjustments to forecast and amortize balances for the collection of 2022-23 and 2021-22 program year costs, respectively, under Schedule G "Energy Efficiency Services and Programs – Residential and Commercial." The filing also reflects a component for the forecasted expenses for the upcoming year, November 2023-October 2024. The impact on a residential customer's bill with an average consumption of 58 therms is an increase of \$2.73.
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UG-230761	9/15/2023	Northwest Natural Gas Company
	11/1/2023	Revises Tariff WN U-6, introducing Schedule 233 to reflect the rate effects of the costs associated with industrial customer energy efficiency audits, the deferral and tracking of which is authorized by Order 01 in Docket UG-220512. The typical industrial customer using 1,218 therms would see a bill increase of \$1.01 per month.
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UG-230762	9/15/2023	Northwest Natural Gas Company
	11/1/2023	Revises Tariff WN U-6, Schedule 210 to reflect a total increase in revenue from Washington operations of \$534,694, or 0.52 percent, effective November 1, 2023. This adjustment reflects the effects of last year's amortization of property sales and the proposed inclusion of residual amounts that were over amortized. The average natural gas residential customer using 58 therms per month will see a bill increase of \$0.39.
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UG-230764	9/15/2023	Northwest Natural Gas Company
	11/1/2023	Revises Tariff WN U-6, purposing a new schedule to continue amortizing the residual amounts remaining in the Residential Rate Mitigation account. The effect of this new tariff adjustment schedule is to decrease the Company's revenues by \$1,807,077, or 1.77 percent. The average natural gas residential customer using 58 therms per month will see a bill decrease of \$7.22. Tariff Revision Staff Contact: David Panco +1 (360) 664-1313 david.panco@utc.wa.gov
	UG-230762	UG-230762 9/15/2023 11/1/2023 UG-230764 9/15/2023

22.	TG-230771	9/17/2023	Waste Management of Washington, Inc.
		11/1/2023	Tariff revisions that would generate approximately \$54,000 (3.5 percent) additional annual revenue to recover the increased cost of disposal fees set by the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners. On September 6, 2023, disposal fees will increase from \$133.79 per ton to \$143.00 per ton at the Kittitas County transfer stations. The Company serves approximately 3,600 garbage customers in Kittitas County.
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23.	UE-230773	9/20/2023	Avista Corporation
		11/1/2023	Revises Tariff WN U-28 to modify electric tariff Schedule 70, Rules and Regulations, restrictions on disconnection. Increasing the daily high inclement weather threshold for suspension of non-voluntary service disconnection from 25-degrees Fahrenheit to 32-degrees Fahrenheit. The Company is also adding a new Air Quality Index threshold of 100 and above.
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24.	UG-230774	9/20/2023	Avista Corporation
		11/1/2023	Revises Tariff WN U-29 to modify the company's natural gas tariff Schedule 170, Rules and Regulations, restrictions on disconnection. Increasing its inclement weather threshold from 25-degrees Fahrenheit to 32-degrees Fahrenheit. The Company is also adding a new Air Quality Index (AQI) threshold of 100 and above.
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25.	UE-230792	9/27/2023	Puget Sound Energy
		11/1/2023	Revises Tariff WN U-60 to pass through approximately \$183.8 million in Residential Exchange Program benefits that the Company will be receiving from the Bonneville Power Administration. A typical residential customer using 800kWh per month would experience a decrease to their monthly bill of \$0.68, or 0.7 percent. Additionally, this filing provides a minor update to the Availability section of Schedule 194.
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26.	UE-230818	10/4/2023	Puget Sound Energy
		11/4/2023	Revises Tariff WN U-60, Schedule 129D, Sheet 129D-B, to correct a typographical error. This filing does not impact rates.
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27.	UW-230839	10/9/2023	Camano Hills Water Company
		11/8/2023	Tariff Revision to add language as required by Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1329 (ESHB 1329) regarding High heat advisory and disconnections.
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28.	UW-230841	10/2/2023	Southgate Water Systems, Inc.
		11/2/2023	Tariff Revision regarding discontinuance of service. Required prior notice a utility company must take before discontinuance of utilities.
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29	UW-230846	10/11/2023	Red Mountain Water Association
		11/11/2023	Tariff Revision to add language as required by Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1329 (ESHB 1329) regarding High heat advisory and disconnections.
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30	UW-230856		Oasis Water Corporation
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