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10/24/2024
9:30 A.M.

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A. UTILITIES

Item	Docket	Company Description
1.	UE-240656	<p>Avista Corporation</p> <p>Introduces Tariff WN U-28, Schedule 64, Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP). This tariff includes incremental costs related to implementing Avista's CEIP. The tariff will increase monthly rates for the average residential customer by \$0.39, or 0.4 percent.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Molly Morgan +1 (360) 664-1237 molly.morgan@utc.wa.gov</p>
2.	UT-240644	<p>Home Telephone</p> <p>Petition for designation as an Eligible Telecommunication Carrier in the state of Washington for the limited purpose of offering Lifeline service to qualified households in the Dallesport and Goldendale exchange service areas.</p> <p>Petition</p> <p>Staff Contact: Tim Zawislak +1 (360) 664-1294 tim.zawislak@utc.wa.gov</p>

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B. TRANSPORTATION

Item	Docket	Company Description
1.	TG-240529	<p>Waste Management of Washington, Inc.</p> <p>Tariff 20 replacing Tariff 19 requesting a general rate increase that would generate approximately \$5,952,000 (7.6 percent) additional annual revenue. the Company also petitions for an exemption from WAC 480-07-520, workpaper requirements, to allow the Company to file financial Statements for the North Sound/Marysville operation only, and for exemption from customer notice requirements to allow the Company to provide notice 30 days in advance. The Company's last general rate increase became effective September 1, 2015. the Company provides refuse and recycling services to approximately 115,000 customers in King and Snohomish Counties.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Mike Young +1 (360) 664-1155 mike.young@utc.wa.gov</p>

C. OTHER

D. RECESSED

E. CONSENT

Item	Docket	Company Description
1.	TR-240574	<p>CWW LLC, Yak Rail LLC</p> <p>Application for disbursement of funds from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund to purchase security cameras and signs for crossings on Yak Rail LLC and CWW LLC.</p> <p>Application for Funding</p> <p>Staff Contact: Tyler Whitcomb +1 (360) 664-1202 tyler.whitcomb@utc.wa.gov</p>
2.	TG-240677	<p>Ed's Disposal, Inc</p> <p>Less than statutory notice request for tariff revision for Ed's Disposal Inc on Tariff No 6 updating language for holidays observed by the Company.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Jeanine Leggett +1 (360) 664-1230 jeanine.leggett@utc.wa.gov</p>

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3. TG-240681 **Basin Disposal of Washington, LLC**
Less than statutory notice request for tariff revision for Basin Disposal of Washington, LLC on Tariff No 15 updating language for holidays observed by the Company.

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4. TG-240684 **Basin Disposal of Yakima, LLC**
Less than statutory notice request for tariff revision for Basin Disposal of Yakima, LLC on Tariff No 6 updating language for holidays observed by the Company.

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5. TG-240685 **Basin Disposal Inc.**
Less than statutory notice request for tariff revision for Basin Disposal Inc on tariff No 95 updating language for holidays observed by the Company.

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6. TG-240718 **Waste Management of Washington, Inc.**
Less than statutory notice request for tariff revisions by Waste Management of Washington, Inc. d/b/a Brem-Air Disposal for a \$2.32 decrease (debit decrease from \$0.12 to a credit \$2.20) per month for residential recycling customers and \$0.92 decrease (debit decrease from \$0.07 to a credit of \$0.85) per yard for multi-family recycling customers. The Company serves approximately 46,000 residential and 16,000 multi-family recycling customers in Kitsap County.

Tariff Revision

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7. TG-240719 **Waste Management of Washington, Inc.**

Less than statutory notice requesting less than 45-day notice to customers, for a Tariff revision that would generate approximately \$88,000 (5.6 percent) additional annual revenue to recover the increased cost of disposal fees set by Kittitas County. On November 1, 2024, disposal fees will increase from \$143 per ton to \$158 per ton at Kittitas County facilities. This filing also adds residential recycling to the Tariff. Kittitas County passed Ordinance 2023-008, which requires recycling for residential customers be provided. The addition of recycling service also will establish a commodity adjustment filing every 12-months to adjust the recycling rate for the value of recycling commodities. The Company serves approximately 4,500 customers and their last rate case became effective October 1, 2014.

Tariff Revision

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F. NO ACTION

Item	Docket	Re/Filed Effective	Company Description
1.	UG-240418	5/31/2024 11/1/2024	Cascade Natural Gas Corporation Revises Tariff WN U-3, Schedule 597, Annual Cost Recovery Mechanism to increase the revenue requirement by \$2.44 million or 0.65 percent effective November 1, 2024. A residential customer with average monthly usage of 54 therms would see a bill increase of \$0.52 per month, or approximately 0.56 percent. Tariff Revision Staff Contact: Joanna Huang +1 (360) 664-1317 joanna.huang@utc.wa.gov

2.	UW-240585	7/29/2024 11/1/2024	<p>Water of Bethel, LLC</p> <p>Proposed general rate increase that would generate approximately \$93,100 (48 percent) additional annual revenue, after staff review the approximate additional annual revenue is \$78,000 (14 percent). The Company provides water service to approximately 222 customers in Pierce County. The Company's last general rate case became effective September 1, 2022.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Jeanine Leggett +1 (360) 664-1230 jeanine.leggett@utc.wa.gov</p>
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3.	UG-240588	7/15/2024 11/1/2024	<p>Northwest Natural Gas Company</p> <p>Revises Tariff WN-6, Schedule 303, Washington Environmental Cost Recovery Mechanism, for remediation expenses associated with natural gas services incurred between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023, increasing revenues by \$684,585, or 0.56 percent. A residential customer with average monthly usage of 57 therms would see a bill increase of \$0.44 per month, or approximately 0.5 percent.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Laura Henry +1 (360) 664-1306 laura.henry@utc.wa.gov</p>
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4.	UE-240649	8/30/2024 11/1/2024	<p>Avista Corporation</p> <p>Revises Tariff WN U-28, Schedule 88, Wildfire Expense Balancing Account to reflect a surcharge increasing overall electric revenue by \$1.4 million, or 0.2 percent, effective November 1, 2024. A residential customer with average monthly usage of 945 kWhs would see a bill increase of \$0.23 per month, or approximately 0.2 percent.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: David Panco +1 (360) 664-1313 david.panco@utc.wa.gov</p>

5.	UE-240651	8/30/2024	Avista Corporation
		11/1/2024	Revises Tariff WN U-28, Schedule 92, Low-Income Rate Assistance Program, to true-up and forecast costs for its low-income assistance program increasing the revenue requirement by \$15.3 million, or 2.3 percent. A residential customer with average monthly usage of 945 kWh would see a bill increase of \$2.58 per month, or approximately 2.4 percent.
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6.	UE-240654	8/30/2024	Avista Corporation
		11/1/2024	Revises WN U-28 Schedule 59, Residential and Small Farm Energy Rate Adjustment, to pass through to customers the benefits from the Residential Exchange Program. The Company is proposing an overall increase in Residential Exchange benefits of approximately \$700,000 or 0.1 percent. The change in rate credit has no effect on Avista's net income. A residential customer with average monthly usage of 945 kWhs would see a bill decrease of \$0.24 per month, or approximately 0.2 percent.
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7.	UE-240660	8/30/2024	Avista Corporation
		11/1/2024	Revises Tariff WN U-28, Schedule 66, Insurance Expense Balancing Account, to reflect the higher level of expense incurred, and increasing overall electric revenue by \$4.6 million, or 0.7 percent, effective November 1, 2024. A residential customer with average monthly usage of 945 kWhs would see a bill increase of \$0.88 per month, or approximately 0.8 percent.
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8. UG-240689 9/13/2024 **Cascade Natural Gas Corporation**
11/1/2024 Revises Tariff WN U-3, Schedule 590, Annual Purchased Gas Adjustment to: 1) pass through changes in the estimated cost of natural gas for the upcoming year, and 2) revise the amortization rate(s) to refund or collect the balance of deferred natural gas commodity and demand costs. The Company is requesting an overall revenue increase of \$50.1 million, or 14.6 percent, effective November 1, 2024. The impact on a residential customer's monthly bill with an average consumption of 54 therms is an increase of \$9.78, or 10.7 percent.

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9. UG-240698 9/16/2024 **Northwest Natural Gas Company**
11/1/2024 Revises Tariff WN U-6, Annual Purchased Gas Adjustment 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 \$11.3 million, or 9.3 percent, effective November 1, 2024. The impact on a residential customer's monthly bill with an average consumption of 57 therms is a decrease of \$6.99, or 8.1 percent.

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10.	UG-240708	9/16/2024 11/1/2024	<p>Puget Sound Energy</p> <p>Revises Tariff WN U-2, Annual Purchased Gas Adjustment 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 increase of \$124.4 million, or 10.8 percent, effective November 1, 2024. The impact on a residential customer's monthly bill with an average consumption of 64 therms is an increase of \$8.97, or 9.8 percent.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Sean Laue +1 (360) 664-1274 sean.laue@utc.wa.gov</p>
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11.	UG-240691	9/13/2024 11/1/2024	<p>Cascade Natural Gas Corporation</p> <p>Revises WN U-3, Schedule 594, Decoupling Mechanism Adjustment, to amortize the difference between authorized revenues and actual revenues for the timeframe of January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, which is consistent with the Company's Rule 21, Decoupling Mechanism, and the terms adopted in Order 04. A residential customer with average monthly usage of 54 therms would see a bill increase of \$1.52 per month, or approximately 1.66 percent.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Joanna Huang +1 (360) 664-1317 joanna.huang@utc.wa.gov</p>
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12.	UG-240692	9/13/2024 11/1/2024	<p>Northwest Natural Gas Company</p> <p>Revises Tariff WN-U-6, Schedule 210, Adjustment to Rates for Property Sales to reflect a total overall decrease in revenue of \$108,856, or 0.09 percent, effective November 1, 2024. This adjustment reflects the effects of last year's amortization of property sales. A residential customer with average monthly usage of 57 therms would see a bill decrease of \$0.07 per month, or approximately 0.1 percent.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: David Panco +1 (360) 664-1313 david.panco@utc.wa.gov</p>

13.	UG-240693	9/13/2024 11/1/2024	<p>Northwest Natural Gas Company</p> <p>Revises Tariff WN U-6, Schedule 215, Energy Efficiency Service and Programs, to reflect the effects of applying temporary rate adjustments to forecast and amortize balances for the collection of 2024-25 and 2023-24 program year costs, decreasing revenues by \$1,349,199, or 1.11 percent, effective November 1, 2024. A residential customer with average monthly usage of 57 therms would see a bill decrease of \$0.991 per month, or approximately 1.9 percent.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Laura Henry +1 (360) 664-1306 laura.henry@utc.wa.gov</p>
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14.	UG-240694	9/13/2024 11/1/2024	<p>Northwest Natural Gas Company</p> <p>Revises Tariff WN U-6, Schedule 212, Residential Rate Mitigation Account, to continue amortizing remaining amounts thereby decreasing annual revenue by \$659,242, or 0.54 percent. A residential customer with an average monthly usage of 57 therms would see a bill decrease of \$0.62 per month, or approximately 0.7 percent.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Sean Laue +1 (360) 664-1274 sean.laue@utc.wa.gov</p>
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15.	UG-240695	9/13/2024 11/1/2024	<p>Cascade Natural Gas Corporation</p> <p>Revises Tariff WN U-3, Schedules 592, Cascade Arrearage Relief and Energy Savings Program Cost Recovery, and 593, Washington Energy Assistance Fund Program Cost Recovery, to true-up and forecast costs for its low-income assistance. This filing reduces overall revenue by \$3.67 million, or 0.98 percent. A residential customer with average monthly usage of 54 therms would see a decrease of \$0.54 per month, or approximately 0.58 percent.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Corey Cook +1 (360) 664-1309 corey.cook@utc.wa.gov</p>

16.	UG-240696	9/13/2024 10/16/2024	<p>Northwest Natural Gas Company</p> <p>Revises Tariff WN U-6, Schedule 230, Temporary Adjustments to Rates for Low-Income Programs, to true-up and forecast costs related to low-income assistance increasing overall revenue by \$434,276, or 0.36 percent. A residential customer with average monthly usage of 57 therms would see a bill increase of \$0.28 per month, or 0.3 percent.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Corey Cook +1 (360) 664-1309 corey.cook@utc.wa.gov</p>
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17.	UG-240697	9/16/2024 11/1/2024	<p>Cascade Natural Gas Corporation</p> <p>Revises Tariff WN U-3, Conservation Program Adjustment to increase the revenue requirement by \$4.5 million or 1.32 percent effective November 1, 2024. A residential customer with average monthly usage of 54 therms would see a bill increase of \$0.89 per month, or approximately 0.97 percent.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Debra Johnson +1 (360) 664-1240 debra.johnson@utc.wa.gov</p>
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18.	UG-240699	9/13/2024 11/1/2024	<p>Northwest Natural Gas Company</p> <p>Revises Tariff WN U-6, Schedules 220.1 and 220.2, Special Rate Adjustment, to recall 20,000 dekatherms per day of the Company's Mist storage capacity that was recalled away from interstate/intrastate customers to core utility customers. This filing increases total revenue requirement by \$52,427 or 0.04 percent, effective November 1, 2024. A residential customer using an average of 57 therms per month would see a bill increase of \$0.03 per month, or approximately 0.14 percent.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Betty Ann Erdahl +1 (360) 664-1283 betty.erdahl@utc.wa.gov</p>

19.	UG-240702	9/13/2024 11/1/2024	<p>Cascade Natural Gas Corporation</p> <p>Revises Tariff WN U-3, Schedule 582, Excess Deferred Income Tax Reversals Rate Adjustment, increasing overall revenue by \$40,608, or less than 0.01 percent, effective November 1, 2024. A residential customer with average monthly usage of 54 therms would see a bill increase of less than \$0.01, or approximately .01 percent.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Kody McConnell +1 (360) 664-1216 kody.mcconnell@utc.wa.gov</p>
20.	UG-240704	9/13/2024 11/1/2024	<p>Northwest Natural Gas Company</p> <p>Revises Tariff WN U-6, Schedule 233, Temporary Adjustment to Rates - Industrial Customer Energy Efficiency Audit Costs, to reflect the costs associated with industrial customer energy efficiency audits, the deferral and tracking of which was authorized in Order 01, Docket UG-220512, increasing gas revenue by \$7,681, or 0.01 percent, effective November 1, 2024. A Schedule 3 industrial customer with an average monthly usage of 870 therms would see a bill increase of \$0.18 per month, or approximately 0.02 percent.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Laura Henry +1 (360) 664-1306 laura.henry@utc.wa.gov</p>
21.	UG-240706	9/13/2024 11/1/2024	<p>Northwest Natural Gas Company</p> <p>Revises Tariff WN U-6, Schedule 232.1, Temporary Adjustment to Rates - Regulatory Fee Increase, to refund an over-collection of regulatory fees established by SB 5634. This filing decreases total revenue requirement by \$202,962, or a decrease of 0.17 percent, effective November 1, 2024. A residential customer with average monthly usage of 57 therms would see a bill decrease of \$0.14 per month, or approximately 0.2 percent.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Betty Ann Erdahl +1 (360) 664-1283 betty.erdahl@utc.wa.gov</p>

22.	UE-240715	9/19/2024 10/25/2024	<p>Puget Sound Energy</p> <p>Revises Tariff WN U-60, updating schedules 611 (Residential Battery Energy Storage System Services), 667 (Purchases from Distributed Solar Photovoltaic Systems), and 686 (Solar Energy Credit Multi-Occupant Allocation Service) and adding new schedules 640 (Distributed Energy Resources Technology Demonstration) and 683 (Distributed Energy Resources products and services). These changes expand and clarify DER product definitions, such as solar and battery storage, while moving and consolidating duplicate definitions found in these schedules into a single new umbrella schedule (683) that the others now refer to. Additionally, schedule 640 creates a pathway for small-scale, short-term testing and demonstration of these DER products for technical feasibility before they are adopted more broadly.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Emily Gilroy +1 (360) 664-1212 emily.gilroy@utc.wa.gov</p>
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23.	UT-240727	9/26/2024 10/26/2024	<p>Consolidated Communications of Comerco Company</p> <p>Notice of Name Change from Consolidated Communications of Comerco Company to Evergreen Connect Corporation d/b/a Lightcurve.</p> <p>Name Change</p> <p>Staff Contact: Jonathon Church +1 (360) 664-1295 jonathon.church@utc.wa.gov</p>
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24.	UG-240732	9/30/2024 11/1/2024	<p>Puget Sound Energy</p> <p>Revises Tariff WN U-2 to restrict service under natural gas Schedule 31T to any new customers. The availability of Schedule 31T Distribution System Transportation Service (Firm-Commercial and Industrial) is proposed to be limited to those existing Customers being served under this schedule as of October 31, 2024. One customer receives service under Schedule 31T and will continue to receive service until it migrates to a different tariff schedule, after which time it will not be allowed to return to Schedule 31T.</p> <p>Tariff Revision</p> <p>Staff Contact: Suren Kumar +1 (360) 664-1307 suren.kumar@utc.wa.gov</p>

25.	UT-240747	10/4/2024 11/2/2024	Consolidated Communications of Washington Company, LLC Notice of Name Change from Consolidated Communications of Washington Company, LLC d/b/a Lightcurve to Evergreen Washington Connect, LLC d/b/a Lightcurve. Name Change Staff Contact: Jonathon Church +1 (360) 664-1295 jonathon.church@utc.wa.gov
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26.	UT-240751	10/4/2024 11/3/2024	Evergreen Washington Connect, LLC Tariff Adoption Notice by Evergreen Washington Connect, LLC to adopt Tariff WN U-1 and WN U-2 of Consolidated Communications of Washington, LLC. Tariff Revision Staff Contact: Jonathon Church +1 (360) 664-1295 jonathon.church@utc.wa.gov
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