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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Northwest Pipeline LLC
Docket No. RP18-
Miscellaneous Tariff Filing

Dear Ms. Bose:

Northwest Pipeline LLC (“Northwest”) hereby submits for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) pursuant to section 4 of the Natural Gas Act (“NGA”),¹ and Part 154 of the Commission’s Regulations,² the following revised tariff records of Northwest’s FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1 (“Tariff”):

Eighth Revised Sheet No. 200	Fifth Revised Sheet No. 281
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 228	Fifth Revised Sheet No. 282

By this filing Northwest proposes to remove General Terms and Conditions (GT&C”) Section 27 related to the Extension of Time Provision and to make a necessary clean-up change to correct an inadvertent error to GT&C Section 14.2 Consolidated Nominations.

Statement of Nature, Reasons and Basis for the Filing

Removal of Extension of Time Provision

On March 29, 2017, in Docket No. RP17-567, Northwest filed revised tariff records to extend the time by which Northwest must file an NGA section 4 general rate case and make other changes to preserve and implement rate reductions agreed to by Northwest and its shippers in a pre-filing settlement (“2017 Settlement”).³ The changes were necessary to preserve rate reductions agreed to in the 2017 Settlement and accommodate the delay in Commission action

¹ 15 U.S.C. § 717c (2012).

² 18 C.F.R. Part 154 (2016).

³ See letter order dated April 12, 2017.

due to a lack of a quorum at the Commission. On August 18, 2017, with a quorum restored, the Commission issued an order accepting Northwest's 2017 Settlement in Docket No. RP17-346.⁴ As a result, Northwest proposes to remove the extension of time provisions from its tariff as they are no longer necessary and reserve Section 27 for future use.

Consolidated Nominations Clean-up

On April 12, 2011, Northwest filed tariff revisions to provide a mechanism to allow shippers the option to consolidate nominations under multiple service agreements, provided that the consolidated nominations: 1) have the same receipt and delivery point; 2) would not negatively impact other shippers; and 3) can reasonably be administered by Northwest utilizing Northwest's current nomination system. The purpose was to streamline the administrative burden for shippers with multiple agreements. The Commission accepted the revision on April 28, 2011, in Docket No. RP11-1988.

Northwest has discovered a clerical error as it relates to the provision in Section 14.2 Consolidated Nominations (Tariff Sheet No. 228). The error occurred when Northwest submitted for Commission acceptance a tariff filing to comply with Order No. 587-W issued October 16, 2015, in Docket No. RM96-1-038⁵ to incorporate Version 3.0 of the North American Energy Standards Board Wholesale Gas Quadrants consensus standards into its tariff. In that filing, Northwest had inadvertently excluded part of a sentence of the provision in Section 14.2 as underlined below.⁶

“14.2 Consolidated Nominations. Transporter may approve a Shipper's request to consolidate the nominations under its Service Agreements from the same Rate Schedule having the same receipt and delivery point, provided that the consolidated nominations would not negatively impact other Shippers and Transporter can reasonably administer the request under this Tariff, utilizing Transporter's current nomination system.”

The Commission approved the NAESB 3.0 filing, without the opportunity to review the language that was inadvertently excluded Section 14.2.⁷ By this filing, Northwest is proposing to correct this error and restore the tariff language consistent with that filed and approved in the Docket No. RP11-1988. During the period of time that the clerical error was in the tariff, Northwest made no changes to its business practice regarding consolidating nominations.

⁴ 160 FERC ¶ 61,008 (2017).

⁵ 153 FERC ¶ 61,061 (2015).

⁶ GT&C Section 14.2 Consolidated Nominations did not contain any proposed redlined changes in the filing.

⁷ *Eastern Shore Natural Gas Co.*, 154 FERC ¶ 61,250 (2016)

Waiver Requests and Effective Date

Northwest requests that the Commission grant any waivers it may deem necessary for the acceptance of this filing. Northwest requests an effective date of January 1, 2018, for the proposed tariff records included in this filing.

Procedural Matters

Pursuant to the applicable provisions in Section 154 of the Commission's regulations, Northwest submits an eTariff.xml filing package that contains the following items:

- proposed tariff records;
- marked tariff records; and
- transmittal letter.

Service and Communications

In compliance with 18 C.F.R. § 154.7(b), Northwest certifies that copies of this filing have been served electronically upon Northwest's customers and upon interested state regulatory commissions. All communications regarding this filing should be served by e-mail to:

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The undersigned certifies that the contents of this filing are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief; that the electronic versions of the submitted tariff records contain the same information; and that he possesses full power and authority to sign this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

Northwest Pipeline LLC

Laren Gertsch
Director, Rates & Tariffs

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14.3 Nomination Changes After the Start of the Gas Day. Nomination changes may be made after the start of the Gas Day pursuant to the Intraday 1, Intraday 2, and Intraday 3 Nomination Cycles. Such transportation nominations will be subject as necessary to confirmation of the nomination changes with any involved third party upstream of the transportation receipt point and downstream of the transportation delivery point.

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~~GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS (Continued)~~

~~27. EXTENSION OF TIME PROVISIONS~~

~~This tariff provision amends: (1) the March 15, 2012 settlement in Docket No. RP12-490-000, approved, Northwest Pipeline GP, 139 F.E.R.C. ¶ 61,071 (2012) ("2012 Settlement"); and (2) the January 23, 2017 settlement pending Commission approval pursuant to the "Petition of Northwest Pipeline LLC for Approval of Settlement," in Docket Nos. RP17-346-000 et al. ("2017 Settlement"), in order to accommodate the delay in Commission action on the 2017 Settlement due to a lack of a quorum. Except as amended by this tariff record, the 2012 Settlement and 2017 Settlement remain unchanged, except that the 2017 Settlement as filed in Docket Nos. RP17-346-000 et al. will be conformed to reflect the amendments in this tariff record.~~

~~(a) Amendment to 2012 Settlement~~

~~The date by which Transporter must file an NGA section 4 general rate case pursuant to section 14.4 of the 2012 settlement is extended to one hundred and twenty (120) days after a final Commission order addressing the 2017 Settlement. The requirement to file an NGA section 4 general rate case will be satisfied upon a final Commission order approving the 2017 Settlement.~~

~~(b) Amendments to 2017 Settlement~~

~~The 2017 Settlement is amended as follows:~~

~~Pursuant to Article X, the date by which Northwest must file an NGA section 4 general rate case as to any Contesting Party excluded from the Settlement pursuant to Article X is extended to one hundred and twenty (120) days after a final Commission order addressing the 2017 Settlement.~~

~~Section 14.1 of the 2017 Settlement shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:~~

~~If the Settlement approval process is not completed before November 28, 2017, then Northwest will file with the Commission by no later than December 1, 2017, tariff records placing the Phase 1 Rates into effect January 1, 2018, and another filing by no later than August 31, 2018, placing the Phase 2 Rates into effect October 1, 2018, in accordance with Articles III and VIII of this Settlement. Such filing(s) shall constitute full satisfaction of the 2017 Rate Filing Requirement.¹~~

¹-Completion of the Settlement approval process means a Final Order by the Commission from which: (a) Northwest has no remaining right to withdraw pursuant to Sections 11.3 or 11.5 (if applicable) and (b) no other Settling Party has a remaining right to cease its participation pursuant to Section 11.4 (if applicable).

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~~27. EXTENSION OF TIME PROVISIONS (Continued)~~

~~3. Section 14.2 of the 2017 Settlement shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:~~

~~If the Settlement approval process is completed by January 1, 2018, then no refund or surcharge will be due any Settling Party. If the Settlement approval process is completed after January 1, 2018, or if tariff records implementing the Settlement Rates are not made effective January 1, 2018, then Northwest will continue charging its currently effective rates pursuant to the 2012 Settlement until the effectiveness of the new rates pursuant to the Commission's Final Order addressing the Settlement. Within sixty (60) days following such Final Order, Northwest will provide refunds, with interest at the Commission approved rate, to place the Settling Parties in the same position as if the Settlement approval process had been completed by January 1, 2018.~~

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