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Re: RG 31—2023 Annual Report of Promotional Activities and Concessions

Enclosed please find Northwest Natural Gas Company's, dba NW Natural ("NW Natural" or "Company"), 2023 Promotional Activities and Concessions Report, filed in compliance with OAR 860-026-0035. **The information in the enclosed report includes commercially sensitive information considered to be a trade secret and is provided as confidential under OAR 860-001-0070.**

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Enclosure



Annual Report of Promotional Activities and Concessions 2023 Actual Expenditures

All campaign costs were accounted for in FERC accounts 416, 911, 912 or 913, in accordance with OAR 860-026-0010.

Program

1. General Merchandise Sales Program. Reference: Sheet 200-2

Expenditures: 

Benefits:

This includes all costs recorded to FERC account 416 below-the-line. Activities under his program are run through the Company's non-utility Appliance Center.

2. Equipment Sales Promotions. Reference: Sheet 200-3

Expenditures: 

Benefits:

This program is designed to increase overall consumer interest in using natural gas equipment. Building and maintaining dealer interest in marketing gas equipment benefits the system because it serves to increase the saturation of gas appliance usage within the Company's service territory.

The activities and concessions are charged to FERC 911 and 912 and the rebates/concessions are removed for ratemaking purposes.

3. Cooperative Advertising Program. Reference: Sheet 200-4

Expenditures: 

Benefits:

Cooperative advertising serves to double the potential sales impact of every dollar spent to advertise in the space and water heating markets. The greater saturation of gas appliance usage per customer achieved through gas appliance sales benefits the system by increasing load factor and reducing the Company's cost of providing service.

These concessions are charged to FERC 912 and excluded for ratemaking purposes.

4. Showcase Developments. Reference: Sheet 200-5

Expenditures:



Benefits:

The Company's participation in new home developments serves to educate the building trades and the general public concerning the use of high efficiency natural gas equipment in the new home construction market. The greater saturation of gas appliance usage per customer achieved through gas appliance sales benefits the system by increasing load factor and reducing the Company's cost of providing service.

The activities and concessions are charged to FERC 911 and 912 and the concessions are excluded for ratemaking purposes.

5. Natural Gas Vehicle Program. Reference: Sheet 200-6

Expenditures:



Benefits:

This program is designed to encourage the purchase and use of natural gas in motor vehicles. Natural gas use in motor vehicles within the Company's service territory benefits the system by increasing natural gas usage, which reduces the company's cost of gas to all ratepayers.



6. Equipment Financing Program. Reference: Sheet 200-7

Expenditures:



Benefits:

Activities under this program are specifically designed to increase the sale of gas appliances within the Company's service territory. The greater saturation of gas appliance usage per customer achieved through gas appliance sales benefits the system by increasing load factor and reducing the Company's cost of providing service.



7. Company offered Products and Services. Reference: Sheet 200-8

Expenditures:



Benefits:

Activities under this program are specifically designed to increase enrollment in programs such as Paperless Billing, Equal Pay and Auto Pay. Last year, this amount was included in Showcase Developments.

The activities are charged to FERC 913 – Category C Advertising – and are excluded for ratemaking purposes.