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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Attention: Filing Center
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Salem, Oregon 97308-1088

Re: Rule 17, Gas Delivery and Measurement

Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural (“NW Natural” or “Company”), files herewith the following revisions to its Tariff P.U.C. Or. 25, filed pursuant to ORS 757.205¹ and OAR 860-022-0005, stated to become effective with service on and after **July 1, 2016**.

Third Revision of Sheet RR-17
General Rules and Regulations Rule 17,
“Gas Delivery and Measurement.”

This filing is made in accordance with OAR 860-022-0025.

The purpose of this filing is to clarify language regarding gas re-metered or sub-metered by a Customer for resale to others. Following review of ORS 90-532 and ORS 90-536, clarification is necessary to ensure a Customer does not collect from tenants more than the total amount billed to the Customer.

The Company respectfully requests that the tariff sheet filed herein be approved by the Commission to become effective with service on and after July 1, 2016.

In accordance with ORS 757.205, copies of this letter and the filing made herewith are available in the Company’s main office in Portland, Oregon and on its website at www.nwnatural.com.

¹ Tariff P.U.C. Or. 25 originated November 1, 2012 with Docket UG 221; OPUC Order No. 12-408 as supplemented by Order No. 12-437

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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

(continued)

Rule 17. Gas Delivery and Measurement.

The Company shall provide service under the Rate Schedules contained in this Tariff provided that, in the Company's sole judgment, adequate gas volumes are available, adequate capacity exists on the Company's Distribution System to accommodate such service, and that where applicable, the terms and conditions set forth in **Schedule X**, or any successor Schedule, are first met.

Except when otherwise agreed by the Company at Company's sole discretion, the delivery of Natural Gas under this Tariff, contemplates service to a single consumer unit, on a single Premise, through a single Delivery Point, and Customer's House Line must be brought to this point. The installation and use of sub-meters beyond the Delivery Point will not modify the Custody Transfer Point between the Company and Customer, and will not modify the respective liabilities in connection with custody transfer at the Delivery Point.

For the purpose of measuring the amount of gas supplied to and used by a Customer, the Company will select the meter or meter configuration that best fits the Customer's load and service requirements. All standard meter installations will be equipped with an automated meter reading device appropriate for the type of service provided at a Customer's premise. The Company will install the meter(s) at the Customer's Premise, at a point to be determined by and most convenient for the Company. Said meter(s) shall be the sole medium of measurement of all gas supplied to Customer. Metering equipment and gas measurement practices will conform to currently applicable standard industry practices.

The Company will accommodate a request from a Residential Customer in a single-family dwelling to install at such dwelling a non-AMR meter that does not transmit data by radio frequency (RF). The charges set forth in **Schedule C** shall apply for the installation, removal (when applicable) and monthly charges associated with reading the non-AMR meter. Failure to pay the applicable **Schedule C** charges is cause for disconnection under **General Rule 11** of this Tariff. The option for a non-AMR meter is not available to a Residential Customer in a multi-family dwelling of three or more units or to Non-Residential Customers.

In the event any meter fails to register the actual amount of gas supplied to a Customer, a bill will be rendered based on an estimated consumption level determined in a manner that best represents Customer's actual consumption, including but not limited to, a reading from other meter(s) on the Premise, Customer's previous consumption history, or consumption based on predicted equipment usage. Customer's account will be adjusted to reflect actual consumption data as soon as the information is available. If actual information cannot be obtained, then the estimated bill shall be deemed and considered a stated account.

No gas shall be re-metered or sub-metered by a Customer for resale to others except when:

- (a) The Customer is the owner, lessee, operator, or landlord of a master-metered residential dwelling as set forth in the Oregon Statutes, ORS 90-532, and charges tenants for natural gas service in accordance with ORS 90.536;
- (b) The Customer is the owner, lessee or operator of a master-metered building and charges tenants for natural gas usage at the same rates and charges as stated on the Customer's bill. The Customer may not collect from tenants collectively more than the total amount billed to the Customer for service measured from the master meter; or
- (c) The Customer resells Compressed Natural Gas for vehicle fueling to a third party.

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