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Re: RG-90 / UM 2114 / UM 2088 – NW Natural’s First and Second Quarter 2022 Reports of COVID-19-Related Costs and Benefits

On April 29, 2022, Northwest Natural Gas Company dba as NW Natural (NW Natural or Company) filed its first quarter 2022 compliance report in the above-referenced docket. Because the required due date for the report fell before NW Natural’s parent company’s first quarter earnings release, the Company filed the report with a confidential designation. Following the first quarter earnings release on May 5, 2022, the Company inadvertently neglected to file the first quarter report without the confidential designation. Subsequently, on July 28, 2022, NW Natural filed its second quarter 2022 compliance report in the above-referenced docket with a confidential designation, prior to the earnings release date of August 4, 2022.

Northwest Natural Holding Company released its first quarter earnings on May 5, 2022, and its second quarter earnings on August 4, 2022. The Company’s previously filed reports no longer require the confidential designation. The unredacted, non-confidential reports for first and second quarter 2022 are provided herein.

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Enclosure

NW Natural
Oregon Quarterly COVID Report
COVID-19 Costs, Savings, and Benefits
For the three months ended March 31, 2022

		Oregon											
Term Sheet		Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	2020 Total	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	2021 Total	Q1 2022	Aggregated Total
Category	COVID Itemization:												
Item a	Direct Costs	71,537	1,677,440	396,025	372,467	2,517,469	213,454	234,736	156,981	158,539	763,711	120,808	3,401,987
Item a	Direct Savings and Benefits	-	-	(121,254)	(116,585)	(237,839)	(267,495)	(124,811)	(82,141)	(101,741)	(576,189)	(120,567)	(934,595)
	Travel, meals and entertainment related			(121,254)	(116,585)	(237,839)	(91,490)	(104,922)	(69,186)	(96,455)	(362,053)	(22,897)	(621,793)
	Employee expenses: education and refreshments						(174,277)	(16,685)	(9,296)	(971)	(201,229)	(91,727)	(292,955)
	Interest				(996)	(996)	(1,728)	(3,204)	(3,658)	(4,316)	(12,907)	(5,943)	(19,846)
Item b	Late Payment Fees Not Assessed	221,133	552,750	245,026	235,578	1,254,487	474,284	427,502	145,481	216,012	1,263,278	464,074	2,981,839
Item c	Bad Debt Expense Above Baseline	326,811	321,706	365,360	1,079,884	2,093,761	261,916	258,507	(93,307)	(561,200)	(134,084)	248,738	2,208,415
	Residential	167,167	224,487	185,134	611,767	1,188,554	509,128	328,213	35,711	(660,517.12)	212,535	182,277	1,583,366
	Commercial	145,435	97,017	180,068	430,594	853,114	(195,320)	(69,341)	(101,805)	66,517.97	(299,948)	52,337	605,502
	Industrial	14,209	202	158	14,734	29,303	(63,872)	(13,810)	(41,779)	19,192.39	(100,268)	-	(70,965)
	Interest	-	-	-	22,789	22,789	11,980	13,445	14,566	13,606.79	53,598	14,124	90,512
Item d	Reconnections and Field Visits April 1, 2021-October 1, 2022	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Item e	Foregone Reconnection Charges Incurred through November 15, 2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Item f	COVID-19 Bill Payment Assistance Program	-	-	-	-	-	-	382,956	1,638,912	1,709,050	3,730,918	2,295,925	6,026,843
	Total*	619,480	2,551,896	885,157	1,571,343	5,627,877	682,158	1,178,890	1,765,927	1,420,659	5,047,634	3,008,977	13,684,489

NW Natural
Oregon Quarterly COVID Report
COVID-19 Costs, Savings, and Benefits
For the three months ended June 30, 2022

Term Sheet Category	COVID Itemization:	Oregon												Aggregated Total	
		Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	2020 Total	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	2021 Total	Q1 2022	Q2 2022		2022 Total
Item a	Direct Costs	71,537	1,677,440	396,025	372,467	2,517,469	213,454	234,736	156,981	158,539	763,711	120,808	78,355	199,163	3,480,342
Item a	Direct Savings and Benefits	-	-	(121,254)	(116,585)	(237,839)	(267,495)	(124,811)	(82,141)	(101,741)	(576,189)	(120,567)	(29,771)	(150,337)	(964,365)
	<i>Travel, meals and entertainment related</i>			(121,254)	(115,589)	(236,843)	(91,490)	(104,922)	(69,186)	(96,455)	(362,053)	(22,897)	22,897	-	(598,896)
	<i>Employee expenses: education and refreshments</i>						(174,277)	(16,685)	(9,296)	(971)	(201,229)	(91,727)	(46,135)	(137,862)	(339,091)
	<i>Interest</i>				(996)	(996)	(1,728)	(3,204)	(3,658)	(4,316)	(12,907)	(5,943)	(6,533)	(12,476)	(26,378)
Item b	Late Payment Fees Not Assessed	221,133	552,750	245,026	235,578	1,254,487	474,284	427,502	145,481	216,012	1,263,278	464,074	469,580	933,654	3,451,419
Item c	Bad Debt Expense Above Baseline	326,811	321,706	365,360	1,079,884	2,093,761	261,916	258,507	(93,307)	(561,200)	(134,084)	248,738	(661,061)	(412,324)	1,547,353
	<i>Residential</i>	167,167	224,487	185,134	611,767	1,188,554	509,128	328,213	35,711	(660,517.12)	212,535	182,277	(653,401)	(471,124)	929,965
	<i>Commercial</i>	145,435	97,017	180,068	430,594	853,114	(195,320)	(69,341)	(101,805)	66,517.97	(299,948)	52,337	(97,983)	(45,646)	507,519
	<i>Industrial</i>	14,209	202	158	14,734	29,303	(63,872)	(13,810)	(41,779)	19,192.39	(100,268)	-	75,511	75,511	4,546
	<i>Interest</i>	-	-	-	22,789	22,789	11,980	13,445	14,566	13,606.79	53,598	14,124	14,812	28,936	105,323
Item d	Reconnections and Field Visits April 1, 2021-October 1, 2022	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Item e	Foregone Reconnection Charges Incurred through November 15, 2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Item f	COVID-19 Bill Payment Assistance Program	-	-	-	-	-	-	382,956	1,638,912	1,709,050	3,730,918	2,295,925	2,802,261	5,098,186	8,829,104
Total		619,480	2,551,896	885,157	1,571,343	5,627,877	682,158	1,178,890	1,765,927	1,420,659	5,047,634	3,008,977	2,659,364	5,668,342	16,343,853