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***VIA ELECTRONIC FILING***

Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
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**Re: UG 435 – Application of NW Natural for a General Rate Revision  
Notice of Publication and Tear Sheets**

In compliance with OAR 860-022-0017(4), Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural (NW Natural or Company), submits the attached declaration attesting that notice has been given of the above-referenced filing. Affidavits or Declarations of Publication and tear sheets from the major newspapers in the Company's Oregon service territory are also attached.<sup>1</sup>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (503) 610-7074.

Respectfully,

*/s/ Natasha Siores*

Natasha Siores  
Manager, Regulatory Compliance

Attachments

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<sup>1</sup> *The Oregonian* (Portland); *Statesman Journal* (Salem); *The Register-Guard* (Eugene); and *The World* (Coos Bay).

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UG 435

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS  
COMPANY dba NW Natural

Application for a General Rate Revision

**DECLARATION OF  
ERICA LEE-PELLA**

I, Erica Lee-Pella, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Oregon:

1. My name is Erica Lee-Pella. I am employed by Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural (NW Natural or Company), as a Rates/Regulatory Specialist 3. My business address is 250 SW Taylor Street, Portland, Oregon, 97204.
2. I do hereby attest notice has been given that NW Natural has filed a request for general rate revision in docket UG 435, dated December 17, 2021.
3. Attached to this declaration are the tear sheets of the notice as published by the four major newspapers in the Company's Oregon service territory, with accompanying Affidavits or Declarations of Publication from each said notice, titled "NW Natural Files General Rate Case in Oregon," being duly published in the *Statesman Journal* and *The Register-Guard*, on December 30, 2021, and in *The Oregonian* and *The World*, on December 31, 2021.

I hereby declare that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I understand it is made for use as evidence before the Public Utility Commission of Oregon and is subject to penalty for perjury.

Signed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022 in Troutdale, Oregon.

/s/ Erica Lee-Pella

Erica Lee-Pella

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# Salem man faces abuse of a corpse charge related to holiday crash

**Bill Poehler**  
Salem Statesman Journal  
USA TODAY NETWORK

A Salem man was arraigned Tuesday on charges including manslaughter and abuse of a corpse stemming from a crash on Christmas that killed a 16-year-old, according to charging documents.

Armando Rodarte Jr., 26, was charged on four counts following a crash at about 2 a.m. Dec. 25 in which a pedestrian was struck and killed on Lancaster Drive near Ward Drive in unincorporated east Salem, according to the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

They did not find the victim at the scene, but found evidence someone had sustained serious injuries and likely did not survive the crash, according to a news release.

Deputies with the Marion County Sheriff's Office found the victim more than an hour after the crash was first reported when they discovered Rodarte's Honda Civic north of Keizer, about seven miles from the location of the accident, with the body inside.

They found Rodarte just after 6 a.m. walking on Devonshire Court in Salem, about eight miles from his abandoned car.

Rodarte was charged Tuesday with manslaughter, failure to perform duties of a driver to injured persons, reckless driving and abuse of a corpse.

Bail for Rodarte was set at \$500,000. He also is being held without bail in another case and bail was set at \$10,000 in a third case. According to charging documents, he is considered a public safety risk and a flight risk.

According to court records, Rodarte has been charged five prior times in the past five years, including two this year.

In 2016, he pleaded guilty to reckless driving and driving under the influence of intoxicants and was given 18 months of probation following hitting another car and not notifying the owner.

In 2017, Rodarte pleaded guilty to unlawful possession of a firearm and sentenced to 20 days in jail.

In 2018, he pleaded guilty to driving while suspended and fined.

Rodarte was charged in February with driving under the influence of intoxicants, to which he pleaded guilty and was given 24 months of bench probation and fined.

In November, he was charged with driving while suspended. That case is still open.

Rodarte is next scheduled to appear in court at 1 p.m. Jan. 11 at the Marion County Courthouse.

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**New homes are built near Summit View Avenue Southeast on Nov. 8 in Salem. In 2020, Salem saw the biggest growth spurt in home building in more than a decade.** ABIGAIL DOLLINS/STATESMAN JOURNAL

## How to get help as mortgage foreclosures resume Jan. 1

**Bill Poehler**  
Salem Statesman Journal  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Homeowners in Oregon who are behind on their mortgage payments can be evicted again starting Jan. 1 as the state's foreclosure moratorium is set to expire, according to Oregon Housing and Community Services.

The state's current moratorium expires Dec. 31, 2021.

A law passed in the 2021 legislative session gave Gov. Kate Brown the ability to authorize extensions of the moratorium, which she did twice, the most recent with an executive order Aug. 16.

But the law does not allow the moratorium to be extended beyond the 2021 calendar year.

After Friday, people behind on payments will have to catch up or negotiate with lenders to prevent foreclosure.

"With the foreclosure moratorium ending, now is a critical time for homeowners who need assistance to take advantage of other resources," Brown said in a statement. "I urge homeowners who are at risk of foreclosure to get assistance as early as possible."

The state Legislature approved the pause in foreclosures in 2020 and extended it again earlier this

year.

The CARES Act provided mortgage payment forbearance for those who suffered financial hardship due to the pandemic for up to 180 days, with another 180 days upon request.

The state has allocated \$90 million to a fund for homeowners who need assistance, and Oregon Housing and Community Services is accepting applications from homeowners who are at risk of foreclosure due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Homeowners in need of mortgage help in Marion or Polk counties can get help through non-profit DevNW at <https://www.devnw.org/>, call (503)-779-2680 or email [hello@devnw.org](mailto:hello@devnw.org).

"Each person has a different mortgage and a different financial situation, so modifications and payment options will vary," Emily Reiman, CEO of DevNW, said.

Earlier in December, the state Legislature extended the "safe harbor" period for renters at risk of eviction while waiting for the state to process applications for emergency rental assistance and added money to the program, which is expected to reopen for applications in mid-January.

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## 21-year-old to serve 18 years for manslaughter, robbery

**Megan Banta** Eugene Register-Guard  
USA TODAY NETWORK

A 21-year-old Springfield man will serve a little more than six years in prison for knocking out a man and leaving him in the road, where he was killed by oncoming cars.

A judge on Tuesday sentenced Gage Duncan-Moor to 75 months in prison on two counts related to the death of Zachary Hooks, 22, who was struck by two vehicles the night of Aug. 7, 2020, on Main Street in Springfield.

Duncan-Moor will serve 75 months for manslaughter in the second degree. Lane County Circuit Court Judge Charles M. Zennaché also sentenced Duncan-Moor to 180 days for assault in the fourth degree, but he'll serve that at the same time as the 75 months.

He'll serve that time after he com-

pletes a 145-month sentence for a July 18, 2020, shooting and robbery that's separate from Hooks' death.

That brings his total prison sentence to 220 months for first-degree robbery and first-degree assault related to the robbery and fourth-degree assault and second-degree manslaughter related to Hooks' death. Once he's released, he'll undergo three years of supervision.

A fifth charge of a felony firearm possession was dismissed Nov. 16.

Duncan-Moor previously had pleaded not guilty to the four charges but changed his plea Nov. 29.

An initial investigation determined Hooks was walking on Main Street when he was knocked to the pavement and subsequently struck by vehicles whose drivers remained on the scene of the crash.

But a review of camera footage

showed two people running away from Hooks and toward a parked vehicle; then police got information that Duncan-Moor assaulted Hooks and left him either unconscious or severely disoriented in the roadway.

Duncan-Moor "didn't make any effort to pull Hooks out of harm's way before fleeing the scene," according to a news release. He was later arrested in Florence.

His attorney argued in a sentencing memo that continued abandonment through his childhood and teens year and involvement with a gang that started while Duncan-Moor was in custody of the Oregon Youth Authority contributed to both incidents.

The memo references Kevin Villanueva and Daniel Villada-Rodriguez, who both have pleaded guilty to charges related to the July 2020 shooting on

Highway 99.

Villanueva pleaded guilty on Nov. 12 to one count of unlawfully furnishing a firearm and seven felony firearm counts. He's agreed to a 31-month sentence for furnishing a firearm and 30-month sentences for the other seven counts to be served concurrently. He'll also get credit for any time he's already served on the charges.

Villada-Rodriguez pleaded guilty on Dec. 8, 2020, to third-degree assault and third-degree robbery. He's agreed to a possible sentence of 36 months on both counts with credit for time served. The sentences could be served at the same time or one after the other.

Both men are scheduled for sentencing at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 5.

Contact city government watchdog Megan Banta at [mbanta@register-guard.com](mailto:mbanta@register-guard.com).

## Two patients contract superbug at Oregon hospital

**Connor Radnovich**  
Salem Statesman Journal  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Two patients at Salem Health contracted a dangerous fungal infection during their stay at the hospital during an "outbreak" of *Candida auris*, a type of yeast rare to the United States, the Oregon Health Authority reported Tuesday.

A case — the first ever in Oregon — was detected at the hospital Dec. 11 and confirmed Dec. 17 in an individual who had "recent international health care exposures."

Two already-hospitalized patients then came down with the infection on Dec. 23 and Dec. 27.

Salem Health and OHA are working to notify health care facilities that had received transfer patients from the "affected units" at Salem Health.

It was not immediately clear which units at Salem Health are impacted by the outbreak.

The fungus, also called *C. auris*, can cause infections in wounds or the bloodstream and is most dangerous for hospital or nursing home patients who

have serious medical conditions, weakened immune systems or have tubes or lines entering their body, according to OHA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The risk of infection to otherwise healthy people is "extremely low."

Since 2013, about 1,150 clinical cases of *Candida auris* have been identified in the United States. The CDC describes it as presenting a "serious global health threat."

"*Candida auris* is an emerging pathogen of concern because it can cause serious infections, particularly in those with serious medical problems, and can be resistant to the antifungal drugs we have to treat it," Rebecca Pierce, Healthcare-Associated Infections Program manager with the OHA, said.

Pierce went on to say the fungus in the cases at Salem Health is responding to existing treatments.

The OHA, CDC and Salem Health are developing and implementing a plan to stop the spread of *Candida auris* at the hospital, Jasmin Chaudhary, medical director of infection prevention at Salem Health said.

The measures put into effect include: ensuring frequent disinfection of patients' health care environments, using transmission-based precautions for those infected or colonized with *Candida auris* and adhering to hand-washing protocols.

### What is *Candida auris*?

*Candida auris* is a fungal disease that spreads in health-care settings, causing invasive infections. First identified in Japan in 2009, *Candida auris* began occurring in the U.S. in 2015.

The CDC is particularly concerned about it because *C. auris* is difficult to diagnose, requiring specialized lab work, and prompt action is necessary to prevent it from spreading.

In addition, most of its strains have proven resistant to at least one antifungal drug.

### Whom does it affect?

*Candida auris* typically preys on patients who have a serious medical condition or a compromised immune system, especially those who require intrusive treatment with a tube going into their body.

Healthy people typically don't get infected, but they should clean their hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer when they come in contact with a patient who has the disease or with surfaces or equipment in the room.

The CDC says 30% to 60% of the people who have contracted *C. auris* infections have died, but it also points out many of them were at increased risk be-

cause of serious illnesses.

### What are the symptoms?

Symptoms vary, but the most common ones are a fever and chills that don't respond to antibiotics. In those cases, specialized lab tests are required to ascertain whether the condition is *Candida auris*. The disease often causes infection in the bloodstream, the ears or in a wound.

### How is it treated?

The CDC said the majority of *C. auris* infections respond to treatment with a class of antifungal medications known as echinocandins. But some strains resist all three main classes of drugs, requiring higher doses of multiple medications.

### How to avoid it?

If you're around a patient with *C. auris*, wash your hands and request that others who are exposed do the same, including healthcare workers.

The CDC recommends that patients with *Candida auris* be placed in a single room that may require frequent cleaning with a high-grade disinfectant.

USA TODAY reporter Jorge L. Ortiz contributed to this article.

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## Mugshots

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effect June 15.

"It's time for our society to move past them," Bynum said of booking photos in a testimony. "The day someone gets arrested can quite frankly be one of the worst days of their lives. Those mugshots are sometimes of people in a mental health crisis. Those photos that are published can ruin a person's life who has not yet been found guilty of any crime. They can linger on and impact people's lives for years to come. We can do better for them and for others."

For many law enforcement agencies, this will mean removing mugshots from their jail rosters.

There are a few exceptions to the measure. A law enforcement agency may release a booking photo:

- To the person depicted in the booking photo;
- To another law enforcement agency, an officer employed by another law enforcement agency, for a law enforcement reason;
- To the public, if the law enforcement agency determines that there is a law enforcement purpose for the release, including in assistance with apprehending a fugitive or a suspect in a criminal investigation, or the identification of additional criminal activity;
- To a state mental hospital if the person depicted in the booking photo is admitted to the hospital;
- To a person in a criminal proceeding following their arrest when the booking photo was taken;
- To the victim/survivor of the offense for which the person in the booking photo was arrested;
- Following the conviction of the person depicted in the booking photo, if the conviction results from the arrest

during which the booking photo was obtained.

The law is effective Jan. 1, 2022.

### Other public safety laws going into effect Jan. 1

House Bill 3145: The bill, requested by The Innocence Project and the Oregon Justice Resource Center, will require police departments to report instances of officer discipline that involve financial penalties to the state of Oregon within 10 days.

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, the agency that certifies and licenses law enforcement, will publish those reports in an online database that will be publicly accessible.

Senate Bill 398: The bill, chief-sponsored by Sen. James Manning Jr., D-Eugene, criminalizes the intent to intimidate individuals by displaying a noose. Violators face up to 364 days in prison and/or a \$6,250 fine.

House Bill 2932: The bill, chief-sponsored by representatives Ronald Noble, R-McMinnville, and Bynum, will require all Oregon law enforcement agencies to participate in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's national use-of-force database. The bill directs the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to analyze the information from the database and annually report its findings to the Legislature.

House Bill 3059: The bill, chief-sponsored by Bynum at the request of the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon, removes the requirement for law enforcement to arrest people participating in an "unlawful assembly" solely for failing to disperse.

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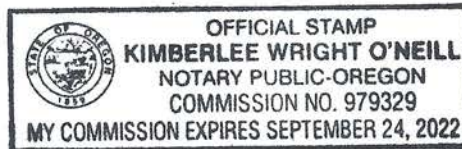
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COLORADO WILDFIRES

# Hundreds of homes burn as tens of thousands evacuate

Patty Nieberg Associated Press

DENVER — An estimated 580 homes, a hotel and a shopping center have burned and tens of thousands of people were evacuated in wind-fueled wildfires outside Denver, officials said Thursday evening.

At least one first responder and six others were injured, though Boulder County Sheriff Joe Pelle acknowledged there could be more injuries and deaths could be possible due to the intensity of fires that quickly swept across the region as winds gusting up to 105 mph.

The first fire erupted just before 10:30 a.m. and was “attacked pretty quickly and laid down later in the day and is currently being monitored” with no structures lost, Pelle said.

A second wildfire, reported just after 11 a.m., “ballooned and spread rapidly east,” Pelle said. The unusual winter blaze spans 2.5 square miles and has engulfed parts of the area in smoky, orangish skies and sent residents scrambling to get to safety.

Evacuations have been ordered for the city of Louisville, home to about 21,000 people, and Superior, which has another 13,000 residents.

The neighboring towns are roughly 20 miles northwest of Denver in an area filled with middle and upper-middle class subdivisions surrounded by shopping centers, parks and schools. The area is in between Denver and Boulder, a foothills college town home to the University of Colorado.

Residents evacuated fairly calmly and

orderly, but the winding streets in the suburban subdivisions quickly became clogged as people tried to get out. It sometimes took cars as long as 45 minutes to advance about a half-mile.

Small fires cropped up here and there in surprising places — on the grass in a median or in a dumpster in the middle of a parking lot — as wind gusts caused the fire to jump and spread. Shifting winds caused the skies to turn from clear to smoky and then back again as emergency sirens blared nearby.

Some of the several blazes in the area Thursday were sparked by downed power lines.

Six people who were injured in the fires were being treated at UCHealth Broomfield Hospital, spokesperson Kelli Christensen said. A nearby portion of U.S. Highway 36 also was shut down.

Colorado’s Front Range, where most of the state’s population lives, had an extremely dry and mild fall, and winter so far has continued to be mostly dry. Denver set a record for most consecutive days without snow before it got a small storm on Dec. 10. It hasn’t snowed since, though up to a foot of snow was expected in the region Friday.

Leah Angstman and her husband saw dark skies while returning to their Louisville home from Denver International Airport after being away for the holidays. As they were sitting on the bus going toward Boulder, Angstman recalled instantly leaving clear blue skies and entering

clouds of brown and yellow smoke.

“The wind rocked the bus so hard that I thought the bus would tip,” she wrote in a message to The Associated Press.

The visibility was so poor that the bus had to pull over and they waited a half-hour until a regional transit authority van escorted them to a turnaround on the highway. There she saw four separate fires burning in bushes across the freeway, she said.

“The sky was dark, dark brown, and the dirt was blowing in swirls across the sidewalk like snakes,” she said.

Angstman later ended up evacuating, getting in a car with her husband and driving northeast without knowing where they would end up.

The fires prompted Gov. Jared Polis to declare a state of a emergency, allowing the state to access disaster emergency funds.



A horse runs through Grasso Park as smoke from nearby fires obscures visibility on Thursday in Superior, Colorado. Helen H. Richardson, Denver Post via AP

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# Oregon to receive \$92 million for water improvements

## STAFF REPORT

Oregon will soon receive \$92,079,000 in federal funding from the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

The funding is to strengthen drinking and wastewater systems and replace dangerous lead service lines and pipes, according to Oregon Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici. The funding is the first round of a five-year investment authorized by the new law.

“Access to safe and reliable drinking water is critical for our communities to stay healthy and thrive,” Bonamici said. “Lead and contaminants pose serious health threats to Oregonians. As a mom and a policymaker, I’m especially concerned about making sure our kids can drink clean water at home and at school. This federal investment of \$92 million will provide clean safe drinking water to hundreds of thousands of Oregonians. That’s what it means to build back better.”

Bonamici said the bipartisan infrastructure law includes \$50 billion for the Environmental Protection Agency to improve water systems, which is the largest single investment in water in the nation’s history.

Over the next five years, \$15 billion nationally will go toward replacing lead pipes and service lines across the country, with a special focus on advancing equity and justice for under-resourced communities, according to Bonamici.



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## Trees

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the airport’s position has been that many of the trees have shallow roots, are old and some suffer from rot.

Cook says the Airport Authority does plan to replace some of the trees and also plans to take input from the community regarding the type of fencing it wants.

However, neighboring residents say the trees have not created sufficient problems to justify chopping them down.

“It was stated that there are several problems with the trees, including root depth, sand base, shallow soil, lack of water and exposure to coastal winds. Are not the forests in this region typically characterized by shallow root depth and soil conditions?” said resident Ken Bonetti, claiming the trees at the airport act as an important wind buffer for homes in the Airport Heights Neighborhood and are helpful to ecosystem and planetary health.

Bonetti also claimed the Airport Authority has not backed up their claims in

writing regarding unhealthy and unsafe trees.

“I suggest that the authority obtain a systematic evaluation of the forest’s health and prospects by independent experts in accordance to known scientific principles,” he said. “That report should be in writing with all quantitative and qualitative evidence clearly displayed so that any resident of the Airport Heights neighborhood, and relevant additional authorities such as Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development can understand and make an informed judgment of the appropriateness of the proposed forest removal. Further, a range of alternative treatments should be detailed and contrasted with the currently proposed option.”

Cook reiterated the mission.

“This is an ongoing process. The effort is to enhance the airport property, identify areas for development, make the trails and recreational areas safe, and remove safety and security issues,” she said.

But John Meynink, a resident of North Bend is asking that the Airport Board reconsider.

“For all the reasons given, removal of these trees is a really bad idea. It is not necessary and would seriously denigrate the quality of life in the area,” he said. “If the Airport District desires to be maintain cordial relations with the Airport Heights neighborhood and the surrounding communities it will not proceed with such a drastic and unjustified project.”

Cook said the evaluation will continue to explore best ways forward and she has asked residents to add their thoughts on the website and as the process moves forward.

“I live in Airport Heights too and have a vested interest in the trails and trees. I want it to be beautiful and safe, too,” she said.

Next steps involve securing a contractor, meeting grant deadlines for the fencing and then beginning the work on the ground which isn’t expected until next fall.

# Zonta Club announces scholarship opportunities

The Coos Bay Area Zonta Service Foundation is pleased to announce \$15,000 in available scholarship funding for 2022.

Available scholarships include two Zonta Club \$3,000 Scholarships, one Science Technology Engineering and Math STEM \$3,000 Scholarship, a Southwestern Oregon Community College tuition waiver with approximate value of \$1,500 and two Student Club \$1,500 scholarships. The Student Club scholarships are designated for a Z Club member at North Bend High School and a Z Club member at Marshfield High School.

Zonta International Scholarships available include the Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship and Young Women in Public Affairs Award valued at \$1,500 each. The ZI scholarships are progressive scholarship/award opportunities with the local awardee being referred onto the Zonta District level to be considered for additional funding. Deadline for all scholarships/award is March 1, 2022. Scholarship information is available at [www.zontacoosbayarea.org](http://www.zontacoosbayarea.org).

Funds raised for the 2022 scholarships occurred through the club’s on-line raffle, a letter

writing campaign and various small fundraisers. Donations to the Zonta Scholarship Fund are always welcome and are tax deductible. Checks can be mailed to the Coos Bay Area Zonta Service Foundation, P.O. Box 245, North Bend, OR 97459 or donations can be made on the club website [www.zontacoosbayarea.org](http://www.zontacoosbayarea.org).

The mission of Zonta International is to improve the legal, economic, health, educational, and professional status of women world-wide. For information about Zonta membership or to donate to the scholarship fund visit [www.zontacoosbayarea.org](http://www.zontacoosbayarea.org).

## NW NATURAL FILES GENERAL RATE CASE IN OREGON

NW Natural filed a general rate increase with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (OPUC) on December 17, 2021. The request is for an overall net revenue increase of about 9.9%, or an additional \$73.5 million for NW Natural. The proposed increase will cover costs associated with operating and maintaining the company’s natural gas distribution system and continuing to provide safe and reliable service to customers.

### HOW MUCH WILL MY GAS BILL CHANGE?

If the current request is approved as filed, residential customers using an average of 53 therms per month would see a monthly bill increase of about \$6.80.

### WHEN WOULD IT TAKE EFFECT?

The filing will not affect customer bills this winter, but if approved by the OPUC will likely take effect, Nov. 1, 2022. Note: While NW Natural is providing general information about our proposal and its effect on customers, the calculations and statements are not binding on the Commission.

### WHY IS THE COMPANY MAKING THIS REQUEST?

The request is a necessary step in NW Natural’s regulatory process to recover costs associated with investments that strengthen and reinforce the natural gas system, provide necessary system maintenance and operational resiliency, and update and modernize technology. The requested rate change is subject to review by the OPUC and is not binding on the Commission.

### HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS FILING?

Copies of the filing are available for inspection at NW Natural’s main office and at [nwnatural.com](http://nwnatural.com). For more information about the filing, or notice of the time and place of any hearing, contact NW Natural or the Commission at:

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