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August 30, 2019

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

**Re:** Northwest Pipeline LLC

Docket No. RP19-

Dear Ms. Bose:

Pursuant to Part 154 of the regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission" or "FERC"), Northwest Pipeline LLC ("Northwest") tenders for filing and acceptance the following tariff sheet as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1 ("Tariff"):

### Twenty-Fifth Revised Sheet No. 14

By this filing, Northwest proposes to decrease its fuel reimbursement factor ("Factor") for Northwest's transportation services under Rate Schedules TF-1<sup>1</sup>, TF-2, TI-1 and DEX-1 from 1.64% to 1.16%. The Factor provides in-kind reimbursement to Northwest for fuel gas used and gas lost and unaccounted-for ("L&U") in its transmission system operations.

### Statement of Nature, Reasons and Basis for the Filing

Northwest is submitting this filing to comply with Section 14.12 of the General Terms and Conditions ("GT&C") contained in Northwest's Tariff, which requires the Factor for the transportation rate schedules to be determined semi-annually to become effective on April 1 and October 1 of each year.<sup>2</sup>

Northwest typically bases its projected transportation quantities, fuel usage and L&U on historical averages. Northwest has continued to use that methodology in making the current projections for its Factor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In addition to the Rate Schedule TF-1 Factor, a fixed 0.50% Evergreen Expansion Incremental Surcharge applies to the quantity of gas nominated for receipt at the Sumas, SIPI, or Pacific Pool receipt points under Evergreen Expansion service agreements.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Factors for Northwest's storage rate schedules SGS-2F, SGS-2I, LS-2F, LS-3F, LS-2I and LD-4I are determined annually to become effective April 1 of each year.

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The proposed 1.16% Factor is designed to recover the anticipated fuel usage and L&U, and to true-up the variance between fuel reimbursed and fuel used (including L&U) for prior periods. This Factor is proposed to be used during the upcoming October 2019 through March 2020 period for transportation services under Rate Schedules TF-1, TF-2, TI-1 and DEX-1. The attached Exhibit A and Appendix included herein show the data and formulas used to derive the proposed Factors.

### Filings Pending Before the Commission

In compliance with 18 CFR § 154.204(f), Northwest states that it has no other tariff filings pending before the Commission that may significantly impact this filing.

### Effective Date and Waiver Request

Northwest hereby moves that the proposed Tariff sheet be made effective October 1, 2019, or at the end of any suspension period which may be imposed by the Commission. Northwest requests that the Commission grant any waivers it may deem necessary for the acceptance of this filing.

### **Procedural Matters**

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

- Proposed tariff sheet,
- Marked tariff sheet, and
- Transmittal letter & Combined Work Papers.

### Service and Communications

In compliance with 18 CFR § 154.7(b), Northwest certifies that copies of this filing have been served electronically upon Northwest's customers and upon interested state regulatory commissions.

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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 and he possesses full power and authority to sign this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

### NORTHWEST PIPELINE LLC

## David Madsen

Director, Business Development & Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures

# STATEMENT OF FUEL USE REQUIREMENTS FACTORS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF FUEL USE

Applicable to Transportation Service Rendered Under Rate Schedules Contained in this Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1

The rates set forth on Sheet Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8 and 8-A are exclusive of fuel use requirements. Shipper shall reimburse Transporter in-kind for its fuel use requirements in accordance with Section 14 of the General Terms and Conditions contained herein.

The fuel use reimbursement furnished by Shippers shall be as follows for the applicable Rate Schedules included in this Tariff:

Rate Schedules TF-1, TF-2, TI-1, and DEX-1	1.16 <del>64</del> %
Rate Schedule TF-1 - Evergreen Expansion	<del></del>
Incremental Surcharge (1)	0.50%
Rate Schedule TFL-1	_
Rate Schedule TIL-1	_
Rate Schedules SGS-2F and SGS-2I	0.24%
Rate Schedules LS-2F, LS-3F and LS-2I	
Liquefaction	0.98%
Vaporization	0.53%
Rate Schedule LD-4I	
Liquefaction	0.98%

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### Northwest Pipeline LLC

Derivation of Fuel Factors to be Effective October 1, 2019

(Section No. refers to the General Terms and Conditions of Northwest's Tariff)

### Calculation for Rate Schedules TF-1, TF-2, TI-1, DEX-1

Line No.	Section No.	Description	Dth	Note No.
1	14.12(a)	Average Oct Mar. fuel usage during last three seasons	5,114,257	(i)
2	14.12(h)	Elimination of Projected Evergreen Expansion incremental surcharge reimbursement	(31,147)	(vi)
3 4	14.12(g)	Cumulative under / (over)-recovery of fuel as of Jun. 30, 2019  Total projected fuel usage	25,336 5,108,446	(ii)
5	14.12(b)	Average projected lost and unaccounted-for gas (gain)	(152,502)	(iii)
6	14.12(b) 14.12(g)	Cumulative under / (over)-recovery of L&U as of Jun. 30, 2019	142,876	(iv)
7		Total projected lost and unaccounted-for gas	(9,626)	, ,
8	14.12(c)	Quantities to be credited by Northwest		
9	14.12(e)	Total projected fuel and lost and unaccounted-for gas	5,098,819	
10	14.12(d)	Projected transportation receipts	439,003,642	(v)
11	14.12(e)	Factor (line 9 divided by line 10)	1.16%	
Notes	s to Page 1	of Exhibit A	Dth	
(i)	Fuel usage	projected as follows:	Dill	
		ct. 2018 - Mar. 2019 fuel usage	5,892,613	
Actual Oct. 2017 - Mar. 2018 fuel usage		4,462,338		
		ct. 2016 - Mar. 2017 fuel usage rage Oct Mar. fuel usage during last three seasons	4,987,819 5,114,257	
(ii)		true-up adjustment calculated as follows:	, ,	
(,	· ·	under / (over)-recovery of fuel as of Dec. 31, 2018 per true-up adj. in Apr. 1, 2019 filing	48,259	
		an Jun. 2019 fuel usage	5,765,976	
	Fuel Adj	ustment		
	Total b	efore fuel reimbursements	5,814,235	
	Actual Jan.	- Jun. 2019 fuel reimbursements		
	General	system reimbursements	5,763,109	
		en Expansion incremental surcharge reimbursements as Pursuant to GT&C Section 32	25,790	(4)
		Reimbursements	5,788,899	(1)
	Cumulative	under / (over)-recovery of fuel as of Jun. 30, 2019	25,336	

(1) Northwest does not have any transactions pursuant to GT&C Section 32 that need to be recovered in this filing.

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Notes to Page 1 of Exhibit A (continued)	Dth	
(iii) Lost and unaccounted-for gas projected as follows:		
Twelve months ended Jun. 2019 actual lost and unaccounted-for gas (gain) Twelve months ended Jun. 2018 actual lost and unaccounted-for gas (gain) Twelve months ended Jun. 2017 actual lost and unaccounted-for gas (gain) Average twelve months lost and unaccounted-for gas during last three years	5,829 (16,814) (904,029) (305,005)	
Six month lost and unaccounted-for gas (gain) (twelve month average divided by 2) Out of period adjustments or other forecast adjustments Average projected lost and unaccounted-for gas (gain)	(152,502) - (152,502)	
(iv) Lost and unaccounted-for gas true-up adjustment determined as follows:		
Cumulative under / (over)-recovery of L&U as of Dec. 31, 2018 per true-up adj. in Apr. 1, 2019 filing Actual Jan Jun. 2019 lost and unaccounted-for gas Oct. 2015 True-up Total under / (over)-recovery Less: allocations of reimbursements between Jan - Jun. 2019 for lost and unaccounted-for gas Cumulative under / (over)-recovery of L&U as of Jun. 30, 2019	662,461 (5,228) 64,015 721,248 578,372 142,876	(2)
(v) Transportation receipt quantities projected as follows:		
Actual Oct. 2018 - Mar. 2019 delivered transportation Actual Oct. 2017 - Mar. 2018 delivered transportation Actual Oct. 2016 - Mar. 2017 delivered transportation Average Oct Mar. delivered transportation during last three seasons	455,838,471 435,150,251 410,632,304 433,873,675	
Projected Oct. 2019 - Mar. 2020 delivered transportation Projected Oct. 2019 - Mar. 2020 fuel and lost and unaccounted-for gas receipts Projected Evergreen Expansion incremental surcharge reimbursement Projected transportation receipts	433,873,675 5,098,819 31,147 439,003,642	
(vi) Evergreen Expansion incremental surcharge reimbursement projected as follows:		
Actual Oct. 2018 - Mar. 2019 delivered transportation Actual Oct. 2017 - Mar. 2018 delivered transportation Actual Oct. 2016 - Mar. 2017 delivered transportation Average Oct Mar. delivered transportation during last three seasons	4,974,577 7,667,692 5,735,836 6,126,035	
Projected Oct. 2019 - Mar. 2020 delivered transportation.  Projected Oct. 2019 - Mar. 2020 fuel and lost and unaccounted-for gas receipts using a factor of 1.16% plus 0.50% incremental surcharge	6,126,035 103,409	
Projected Oct. 2019 - Mar. 2020 receipts for Evergreen Expansion shippers Evergreen Expansion incremental surcharge	6,229,444	
Projected Evergreen Expansion incremental surcharge reimbursement	31,147	

(2) This adjustment is to reverse an L&U entry that was indavertently recorded a second time in Northwest's Oct. 2015 Fuel Filing.