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March 22, 2024

Ms. Debbie-Anne Reese, Acting Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, NE Washington, D.C. 20426

Reference: Northwest Pipeline LLC

Negotiated Rate Service Agreement

Docket No. RP24-

Dear Ms. Reese:

Pursuant to Section 4 of the Natural Gas Act ("NGA") and Part 154 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's ("Commission") regulations thereunder, Northwest Pipeline LLC ("Northwest") hereby submits for filing with the Commission the following revised tariff record related to a negotiated rate service agreement in its FERC Gas Tariff Fifth Revised Volume No. 1 ("Tariff"):

Third Revised Sheet No. 400

## Statement of Nature, Reasons, and Basis

#### Service Agreement No. 127115

Pursuant to the Commission's negotiated rate policies<sup>1</sup> and Northwest's negotiated rate tariff provisions approved by the Commission,<sup>2</sup> Northwest submits herewith for filing with the Commission a tariff sheet reflecting a summary of a firm transportation service agreement dated March 21, 2024, under Rate Schedule TF-1, between Northwest and Puget Sound Energy, Inc. ("Puget"). Northwest and Puget are restating their previous Service Agreement No. 127115 dated March 5, 2007, to extend the term of the agreement and set forth a new negotiated rate. The summary submitted herewith includes the name of shipper, the negotiated rate, the rate schedule, the receipt and delivery points, the contract quantity, and the term of the negotiated rate. Northwest affirms that Service Agreement No. 127115 does not deviate in any material aspect from the Rate Schedule TF-1 form of service agreement in Northwest's Tariff.

<sup>1</sup> Alternatives to Traditional Cost-of-Service Ratemaking for Natural Gas Pipelines and Regulation of Negotiated Transportation Services of Natural Gas Pipelines, 74 FERC ¶ 61,076 (1996), reh'g and clarification denied, 75 FERC ¶ 61,024 (1996), reh'g denied, 75 FERC ¶ 61,066 (1996); Natural Gas Pipeline Negotiated Rate Policies and Practices, 104 FERC ¶ 61,134 (2003).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Northwest Pipeline Corp., 79 FERC  $\P$  61,416 (1997), order on reh'g, 84 FERC  $\P$  61,109 (1998).

# **Filings Pending Before the Commission**

In compliance with Section 154.204(f) of the Commission's regulations, 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 respectively requests a waiver of Section 154.207 of the Commission regulations, which requires tariff filings to be submitted to the Commission not less than thirty days prior to the proposed effective date of such records. Northwest requests that the proposed tariff record filed be made effective April 1, 2024. Northwest also requests that the Commission grant any other waivers it may deem necessary for the acceptance of this filing.

### **Materials Submitted Herewith**

In accordance with Section 154.7(a)(1) of the Commission's regulations, the following material is submitted herewith:

An eTariff .xml filing package, filed as a zip (compressed) file, containing:

- (1) The tariff records in RTF format with metadata attached;
- (2) A transmittal letter in PDF format;
- (3) A clean version of the tariff records in PDF format for publishing in eLibrary;
- (4) A marked version of the tariff records in accordance with Section 154.201(a) of the regulations; and
- (5) A copy of the complete filing in PDF format for publishing in eLibrary.

### **Posting and Certification of Service**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 154.2(d) of the Commission's regulations, copies of this filing are available for public inspection, during regular business hours, in a convenient form and place at Northwest's main office at 2800 Post Oak Boulevard in Houston, Texas. In addition, in compliance with Section 154.7(b) of the Commission's regulations, Northwest certifies that copies of this filing will be served electronically upon Northwest's customers and upon interested state regulatory commissions.

All communications regarding this filing should be served by e-mail to:

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Bruce Reemsnyder Senior Counsel (801) 584-6742 Northwest Pipeline LLC P.O. Box 58900 Salt Lake City, Utah 84158-0900 bruce.reemsnyder@williams.com The undersigned certifies that the contents of this filing are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief; and that she possesses full power and authority to sign this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

NORTHWEST PIPELINE LLC

Director, Rates & Regulatory

Enclosures

#### NEGOTIATED RATE SERVICE AGREEMENTS

The following Service Agreement contains a Negotiated Rate but does not deviate in any material aspect from the Form of Service Agreement for Rate Schedule TF-1 contained in this Tariff.

Shipper Name/	Negotiated	Rate	Receipt	Delivery	Contract Quantity (Dth/d)
Agreement No.	Rate	Schedule	Points	Points	
Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (No. 127115)	(1,2,3,4)	TF-1	Goldendale In-Line Trans Rec	Goldendale Energy Delivery	50,350

- 1. Shipper will pay Transporter a monthly fee of \$2,366 for the ongoing Operation and Maintenance attributable to the Goldendale meter station and lateral (Delivery Facilities). This charge will be payable on or before the twenty-fifth (25th) day of each month and continue through the term of this Agreement. If Shipper fails to make payment of such invoice(s) within thirty (30) days of the initial invoice date, interest shall accrue on the unpaid portion of the billing(s) at the then applicable FERC Refund Interest Rate, including the collection of any reasonable attorney's fees, which may be incurred in collection of any payments due.
- 2. Annually, Shipper will reimburse Transporter for all otherwise unrecovered capital expenditures incurred for repairs, and/or any modifications that are made to the Delivery Facilities as a result of any laws, rules, regulations and orders of any duly constituted authority having jurisdiction.
- 3. In the event FERC ever requires an allocation of non-Delivery Facilities costs to Transportation service hereunder, such allocated costs will be fully reimbursed by Shipper on a monthly basis, pursuant to the payment procedure set forth in paragraph 1 above.
- 4. For all scheduled nominations under this Agreement involving a receipt and/or delivery point not located on the Delivery Facilities, Shipper will pay a rate equivalent to the then Maximum Currently Effective rate for Rate Schedule TF-1 service under Transporter's Tariff.

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(No. 127115)			In-Line Trans Rec	_Energy Delivery	7

- (1) Shipper will pay Transporter \$1,488,639 for reservation charges for service in 2002. There are no reservation charges for the remaining term of the agreement. Shipper will pay Transporter a monthly fee of \$10,781 for ongoing operation, maintenance, and property tax expenses attributable to the Goldendale lateral for the term of the service agreement and will reimburse Transporter annually for all otherwise un-recovered capital expenditures incurred for repairs, and/or any required modifications that are made to the Goldendale lateral. If the Commission ever requires an allocation of non-Goldendale lateral costs to Transportation service rendered under this service agreement, such allocated costs will be fully reimbursed by Shipper on a monthly basis. For scheduled nominations from the Goldendale Lateral In-Line Transfer Point to the Goldendale Power Plant Meter Station, Shipper will pay the then applicable ACA surcharges. For scheduled nominations using a receipt and/or delivery point not located on the Goldendale lateral, Shipper will pay a rate equivalent to the Maximum Base Tariff Ratefor Rate Schedule TF-1 service.
- 1. Shipper will pay Transporter a monthly fee of \$2,366 for the ongoing Operation and Maintenance attributable to the Goldendale meter station and lateral (Delivery Facilities). This charge will be payable on or before the twenty-fifth (25th) day of each month and continue through the term of this Agreement. If Shipper fails to make payment of such invoice(s) within thirty (30) days of the initial invoice date, interest shall accrue on the unpaid portion of the billing(s) at the then applicable FERC Refund Interest Rate, including the collection of any reasonable attorney's fees, which may be incurred in collection of any payments due.
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4. For all scheduled nominations under this Agreement involving a receipt and/or delivery point not located on the Delivery Facilities, Shipper will pay a rate equivalent to the then Maximum Currently Effective rate for Rate Schedule TF-1 service under Transporter's Tariff.