

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
INTRAOFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

DATE: October 31, 2023
TO: Caroline Moore
FROM: Ted Drennan
SUBJECT: Verification of Northwest Natural's Compliance Filing for UG 462 Stipulation Rates Effective November 1, 2023. Docket UG 462.

On October 16, 2023, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) adopted the stipulated agreement and authorized Northwest Natural (NWN or Company) to recover the costs associated with the Dakota City Renewable Natural Gas Project under Schedule 198 in Order No. 23-367. In response to the order, NWN submitted its Compliance Filing on October 19, 2023.

The Company's filing replaced Sheet 198-1, which was included in UG 487. The replacement sheet added the impact of the Dakota City Project, which was not included in the UG 487 Sheet 198-1. It should be noted the effects of the Dakota City Project were included in the UG 487 workpapers, just not incorporated in that filing's Sheet 198-1.

As part of the verification, Staff reviewed the workpapers filed by the Company in UG 487 for completeness and accuracy. The checks and analytic tasks required to affirm the accuracy of rates included the following:

- Confirm that the recovery amount contained in the filing conform to those included in the UG 462 Stipulation.
- Verify the costs were spread on an equal center/therms basis.
- Verify the replacement sheet for 198-1 contains the correct rate, filing date, revision number, etc.

Staff filed no information requests as the filing included all requisite documents to perform the analysis and review. Staff finds that all of the revised sheets are correct.

Based on the review of the Company's application, Staff concludes that the proposed revisions are consistent with the authorized recovery contained in the stipulation in UG 462 and authorized in Order No. 23-367, and that an acknowledgement letter should be sent.