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NWN OPUC Advice No. 23-18 / UG 485

#### VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Public Utility Commission of Oregon Attn: Filing Center 201 High Street SE, Suite 100 P.O. Box 1088 Salem, OR 97308-1088

Re: NEW Schedule - Community Climate Investments

Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural ("NW Natural" or "Company"), files herewith the following revisions to its Tariff P.U.C. Or. 25, stated to become effective on November 1, 2023.

| Original Sheet 151-1 Schedule 151 |       | Oregon Climate Protection Program Costs – |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|-------|---|--|--|--|
|                                   |       | Community Climate Investments             |  |  |  |
| Twelfth Revision of Sheet v       | Index | Tariff Index – Adjustment Schedules       |  |  |  |

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this tariff filing is to request Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Commission") approval for recovery of the purchase of Community Climate Investments ("CCIs") to comply with Oregon's Climate Protection Program ("CPP").

As discussed more fully below, NW Natural requests to recover the cost of 340,501 CCIs, which, in conjunction with RNG acquisitions that the Company has already made, is targeted to meet the Company's CPP compliance obligations through calendar year 2023 based on weather-normalized usage. The Company anticipates taking additional actions to meet the remainder of its compliance obligations in the first compliance period (2022-2024). These actions may include acquiring additional CCIs, which the Company may purchase in 2024 and 2025, to satisfy its first compliance period obligations.

NW Natural requests approval of this tariff for a rate effective date simultaneous with the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment ("PGA") rate change on November 1, 2023. In that filing, NW Natural residential customers are expected to receive an approximate 7.4% rate reduction primarily due to lower commodity costs. To the extent that the Company can comprehensively evaluate bill impacts at the time of the PGA filing, which is often driven by natural gas market dynamics outside of the Company's control, the Company endeavors to do so to mitigate volatile bill

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> NW Natural is not required to demonstrate CPP compliance on a year-by-year basis. Rather it must ensure that it has acquired either no-cost allowances or CCIs for all of its 2022-2024 covered emissions prior to November 2025. OAR 340-271-0450. Nonetheless, NW Natural is providing year-by-year numbers in this filing for illustrative purposes.

impacts. In the upcoming PGA year (November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024), the rate reduction primarily driven by lower commodity costs provides an opportunity to incorporate CPP compliance costs into rates without our sales customers experiencing significant impacts from the CPP. Specifically, the requested increase to rates for the Company's planned acquisition of CCIs results in an approximate 2.5% rate increase for residential customers. As such, a residential customer will still receive an overall rate reduction in the upcoming PGA year. While we expect a degree of volatility in the amount of CCI purchases from year-to-year driven by weather, we expect that CCIs will be an ongoing procurement process and starting the recovery process for CCI purchases in this upcoming PGA year will help smooth rate impacts to customers for the CPP program into the future.

#### **Background**

On December 16, 2021, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality ("ODEQ") adopted the CPP, which are administrative rules that set greenhouse gas ("GHG") reduction limits. The declining limit, or cap, on GHG emissions is for fossil fuels used throughout the state of Oregon, including diesel, gasoline, natural gas and propane used in transportation, residential, commercial and industrial settings (the program is not inclusive of fossil fuel used in electric generation). The CPP also regulates site-specific greenhouse gas emissions at large stationary sources, such as emissions from industrial processes. The program baseline is set at average GHG emissions from covered entities from years 2017-2019. Reductions from this baseline are set at 50 percent by 2035 and 90 percent by 2050. As a natural gas local distribution company, NW Natural is a "covered fuel supplier" under the CPP and is the point of regulation for the emissions associated with gas used by its sales and transport customers ("covered emissions"). Transport schedule customers purchase the natural gas they use directly from marketers and suppliers and have historically only paid NW Natural for delivery via the distribution system.

Covered entities' emissions are reported annually through the existing DEQ greenhouse gas reporting program and compliance will be demonstrated by each covered entity at the end of each three-year compliance period. The first three-year compliance period are calendar years 2022 through 2024. To comply, covered entities like NW Natural can work to reduce usage through efficiency measures, introduce renewable and low carbon alternative fuels, or purchase CCIs.

CCIs are an offset-like compliance instrument unique to the CPP. CCIs are defined as: "money paid by a covered fuel supplier (e.g., NW Natural) to a community climate investment entity to support implementation of community climate investment projects and any interest that accrues on the money while it is held by a CCI entity or subcontractor." A CCI entity is "a nonprofit organization that has been approved by DEQ as a CCI entity and that has entered into a written agreement with DEQ consistent with OAR 340-271-0920 to implement projects supported by community climate investment funds." While CCIs are not currently available to purchase, ODEQ expects CCIs to be made available in late 2023 or early 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> OAR 340-271-0020(8).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> OAR 340-271-0020(9).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See the timeline provided by ODEQ at <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/deq/ghgp/Documents/cciEACtimelineD.pdf">https://www.oregon.gov/deq/ghgp/Documents/cciEACtimelineD.pdf</a>. NW Natural understands that CCIs will be made available after ODEQ has entered into an agreement with at least one CCI entity.

#### **Acquisition of CCIs**

NW Natural proposes to recover the purchase of CCIs to satisfy its forecasted CPP compliance obligations for a portion of its first compliance period (calendar years 2022-2024). To calculate its CPP compliance obligation, NW Natural first determined if its covered emissions would exceed the number of free compliance instruments issued by ODEQ. For calendar year 2022, NW Natural's preliminary estimate for its covered emissions (5.74 million) is less than the number of free compliance instruments (5.76 million) it received from ODEQ, resulting in no CCIs needing to be purchased. For calendar year 2023, the Company used six months of actuals and six months of forecasted covered emissions based on normalized weather to determine that it will exceed the number of compliance instruments issued by ODEQ for that year by 340,501. NW Natural intends to comply with the CPP, in part, by purchasing the sum of its compliance needs forecasted for 2023, or 340,501 CCIs. NW Natural seeks to recover the cost of these CCIs, totaling \$43.24 million, through this tariff filing.<sup>5</sup> The Company will take incremental action to satisfy any remaining CPP compliance obligations resulting from 2023 covered emissions exceeding the forecast and 2024 operations. As stated above, these actions may include additional purchases of CCIs.<sup>6</sup>

The CCIs that NW Natural intends to purchase is an important step towards CPP compliance. It places the Company in a strong position to be able to demonstrate compliance in the first three-year compliance period (2022-2024). It also enables the Company to make incremental adjustments to its CPP compliance strategy in the next several years to ensure compliance. For example, if NW Natural has over-forecasted its compliance obligation for 2023, it could reduce any CCI purchases for next year. Conversely, if NW Natural has under-forecasted its compliance obligation, it could acquire more CCIs next year or take other incremental actions to reduce its covered emissions. As noted by Commission Staff in its final comments on NW Natural's Integrated Resource Plan, "CCIs are the least cost option through at least 2026," and Staff recommended that NW Natural purchase CCIs in lieu of acquiring RNG. While the Company maintains its view that RNG and other renewable fuels will be a significant compliance instrument in its CPP compliance pathway and remains committed to acquiring RNG in the future, it nonetheless recognizes the need to comply with the CPP in the short-term and it is attempting to do so in a manner that will receive broad-based stakeholder support.

#### **Cost Recovery**

NW Natural proposes to recover the forecasted cost of its CCI purchases (\$43.24 million) through Schedule 151. Costs will be allocated to all non-storage customers on an equal cents per-therm basis. Allocating CPP compliance costs to all non-storage customers is appropriate because NW Natural is the point of regulation for these customers' natural gas emissions. Spreading the costs on an equal cents-per therm basis ensures that each therm of conventional natural gas consumed bears the same CPP compliance costs, which is a reasonable approach because each therm of conventional natural generates the same emissions as any other. The Commission has also adopted this same treatment for RNG projects where transport customers benefit because such projects reduce the Company's CPP compliance obligations.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The price of CCIs is fixed by regulation. See OAR 340-271-9000, Table 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The Company also notes that this filing also does not preclude additional RNG acquisitions to satisfy the targets set in ORS 757.396.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> In the Matter of NW Natural, 2022 Integrated Resource Plan, Commission Staff's Final Comments, LC 79 (March 30, 2023) at 10 (available at: <a href="https://edocs.puc.state.or.us/efdocs/HAC/lc79hac142022.pdf">https://edocs.puc.state.or.us/efdocs/HAC/lc79hac142022.pdf</a>).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> In the Matter of NW Natural Gas Co., dba NW Natural, Request for a General Rate Revision, and Advice 20-19, Schedule 198 Renewable Natural Gas Recovery Mechanism, UG 435, Order 23-046 (Feb. 21, 2023).

NW Natural also notes that CCIs are not currently available for purchase, but ODEQ expects CCIs to become available in late 2023 or early 2024. In the event CCIs are not available to purchase in early 2024, then NW Natural intends to return the funds that it has collected from its customers as soon as practicable. Assuming CCIs are available, however, any over- or under- collection associated with CCI purchases will be deferred per Order 22-377 and trued-up in the following year's update to this tariff schedule.

In compliance with OAR 860-022-0025 and OAR 860-022-0030, NW Natural states that the effect of the proposed Schedule 151 will increase the Company's annual Oregon revenues by \$43,243,609, or about 5.09%.

The monthly bill of the average residential customer served under Rate Schedule 2 using 56 therms per month will increase by \$2.19, or 2.5%. However, low-income customers enrolled in NW Natural's bill discount program will receive a discount of 15% to 40% off their total bill, including the rate impacts of this tariff. To participate in the program, customers self-certify their household income and may apply online, by email, traditional mail, or phone. NW Natural continues to believe that its bill discount program and other forms of ratepayer assistance can help mitigate the cost of the CPP for its low-income customers.

The monthly increase for the average Rate Schedule 3 commercial customer using 255 therms is \$9.93, or 3.1%, the monthly increase for the average Rate Schedule 27 customer using 44 therms is \$1.71, or 2.9% and the monthly increase for the average commercial Rate Schedule 31 firm sales customer using 2,816 therms is about \$109.72, or 4.1%. The average industrial Rate Schedule 32 firm sales customer using 18,823 therms will see a monthly increase of about \$733.35, or 5.1%. Work papers supporting the rate and bill impact calculations will be separately submitted in electronic format.

The number of customers affected by the proposed change is 636,785 residential customers, and 62,829 commercial and industrial customers.

#### Conclusion

NW Natural respectfully request the Commission approve this tariff change to become effective November 1, 2023.

In accordance with ORS 757.205, copies of this letter and the filing made herewith are available in the Company's main office in Portland, Oregon and on its website at www.nwnatural.com.

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#### **SCHEDULE 151 OREGON CLIMATE PROTECTION PROGRAM COMPLIANCE COSTS -COMMUNITY CLIMATE INVESTMENTS**

#### **PURPOSE:**

To recover costs associated with Community Climate Investments as needed for NW Natural's compliance with the Oregon Climate Protection Program.

#### **APPLICABLE:**

To all Customers as listed by Rate Schedule below.

Schedule 2 Schedule 3 Schedule 31 Schedule 32 Schedule 33 Schedule 60A/60

#### **GENERAL:**

This Schedule is governed by the terms of this Schedule, the General Rules and Regulations contained in this Tariff, any other schedules that by their terms or by the terms of this Schedule apply to service under this Schedule and by all rules and regulations prescribed by regulatory authorities, as amended from time to time.

#### **APPLICATION TO RATE SCHEDULES:**

The Total Adjustment amount shown below is included in the Temporary Adjustments reflected in the Rate Schedules 1 through 33. The Adjustment for Schedule 60 will be reflected in their billing rates. NO ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENT TO THESE RATE SCHEDULES IS REQUIRED.

Effective:

November 1, 2023

| Rate<br>Schedule/Class | Block   | Rate<br>Adjustment | Rate<br>Schedule/Class | Block   | Rate<br>Adjustment |
|------------------------|---------|--------------------|------------------------|---------|--------------------|
| 2                      |         | \$0.03896          | 31 CSF                 | Block 1 | \$0.03896          |
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| 03 ISF                 |         | \$0.03896          | 31 CTF                 | Block 1 | \$0.03896          |
| 27                     |         | \$0.03896          |                        | Block 2 | \$0.03896          |
|                        |         |                    | 31 ISF                 | Block 1 | \$0.03896          |
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### **EXHIBIT A**

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

NW NATURAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS

**Community Climate Investments** 

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## **NW NATURAL**

### **EXHIBIT A**

## **Supporting Materials**

## **Community Climate Investments**

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#### Calculation of Increments Allocated on the EQUAL CENT PER THERM BASIS

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| 1        | VOLUNES IN THEK   | VIS                | Oregon PGA                 |                           | Normal      |   |                        |                     | Proposed               | Proposed            | Proposed                      |
| 2        |   |                    | Normalized                 |                           | Therms      | Minimum                                 | 3/15/2023              | 3/15/2023           | 11/1/2023              | 11/1/2023           | 11/1/2023                     |
| 3        |   |                    | Volumes page,              | Therms in                 | Monthly     | Monthly                                 | Billing                | Current             | CCI                    | CCI                 | ссі                           |
| 4        |   | _                  | Column D                   | Block                     | Average use | Charge                                  | Rates                  | Average Bill        | Rates                  | Average Bill        | % Bill Change                 |
| 5        |   |                    |                            |                           |             |   |                        | F=D+(C * E)         |                        | AI = D+(C * AH)     | AJ = (AI- F)/F                |
| 6<br>7   | Schedule  | Block              | A                          | В                         | <b>C</b> 56 | D                                       | E                      | F                   | AH                     | AI                  | AJ                            |
| 8        | 2R<br>3C Firm Sales   |                    | 425,261,320<br>180,723,276 | N/A<br>N/A                | 255         | \$8.00<br>\$15.00                       | \$1.43686<br>\$1.18666 | \$88.46<br>\$317.60 | \$1.47582<br>\$1.22562 | \$90.65<br>\$327.53 | 2.5%<br>3.1%                  |
| 9        | 3I Firm Sales   |                    | 5,242,606                  | N/A                       | 1,304       | \$15.00                                 | \$1.13570              | \$1,495.95          | \$1.17466              | \$1,546.76          | 3.4%                          |
| 10       | 27 Dry Out  |                    | 790,225                    | N/A                       | 44          | \$8.00                                  | \$1.16589              | \$59.30             | \$1.20485              | \$61.01             | 2.9%                          |
| 11       | 31C Firm Sales  | Block 1            | 10,541,198                 | 2,000                     | 2,816       | \$325.00                                | \$0.85127              | \$2,700.12          | \$0.89023              | \$2,809.84          | 4.1%                          |
| 12       |   | Block 2            | 11,528,162                 | all additional            |             |   | \$0.82424              |                     | \$0.86320              | 4                   |                               |
| 13<br>14 | 31C Firm Trans  | Block 1<br>Block 2 | 1,150,855<br>1.621.395     | 2,000<br>all additional   | 3,916       | \$575.00                                | \$0.28505<br>\$0.26119 | \$1,645.54          | \$0.32401<br>\$0.30015 | \$1,798.10          | 9.3%                          |
| 15       | 31I Firm Sales  | Block 1            | 3,851,855                  | 2,000                     | 5,776       | \$325.00                                | \$0.84102              | \$5,095.29          | \$0.30013              | \$5,320.32          | 4.4%                          |
| 16       |   | Block 2            | 8,832,261                  | all additional            | 2,          | *************************************** | \$0.81786              | 7-,                 | \$0.85682              | 70,020.02           |                               |
| 17       | 31I Firm Trans  | Block 1            | 153,988                    | 2,000                     | 6,161       | \$575.00                                | \$0.24605              | \$1,995.36          | \$0.28501              | \$2,235.39          | 12.0%                         |
| 18       |   | Block 2            | 363,573                    | all additional            |             |   | \$0.22309              |                     | \$0.26205              |                     |                               |
| 19       | 32C Firm Sales  | Block 1            | 31,802,850                 | 10,000                    | 7,043       | \$675.00                                | \$0.76861              | \$6,088.29          | \$0.80757              | \$6,362.68          | 4.5%                          |
| 20<br>21 |   | Block 2<br>Block 3 | 10,782,597<br>2,237,041    | 20,000<br>20,000          |             |   | \$0.74322<br>\$0.70109 |                     | \$0.78218<br>\$0.74005 |                     |                               |
| 22       |   | Block 4            | 1,038,828                  | 100,000                   |             |   | \$0.65879              |                     | \$0.69775              |                     |                               |
| 23       |   | Block 5            | 30,626                     | 600,000                   |             |   | \$0.62840              |                     | \$0.66736              |                     |                               |
| 24       |   | Block 6            | 0                          | all additional            |             |   | \$0.61401              |                     | \$0.65297              |                     |                               |
| 25       | 32I Firm Sales  | Block 1            | 7,308,477                  | 10,000                    | 18,823      | \$675.00                                | \$0.73013              | \$14,247.56         | \$0.76909              | \$14,980.91         | 5.1%                          |
| 26       |   | Block 2            | 7,116,901                  | 20,000                    |             |   | \$0.71078              |                     | \$0.74974              |                     |                               |
| 27<br>28 |   | Block 3<br>Block 4 | 2,428,784<br>1,682,852     | 20,000<br>100,000         |             |   | \$0.67847<br>\$0.64624 |                     | \$0.71743<br>\$0.68520 |                     |                               |
| 28       |   | Block 5            | 210,463                    | 600,000                   |             |   | \$0.62372              |                     | \$0.66268              |                     |                               |
| 30       |   | Block 6            | 0                          | all additional            |             |   | \$0.61239              |                     | \$0.65135              |                     |                               |
| 31       | 32C Firm Trans  | Block 1            | 2,586,658                  | 10,000                    | 19,973      | \$925.00                                | \$0.13291              | \$3,390.69          | \$0.17187              | \$4,168.84          | 22.9%                         |
| 32       |   | Block 2            | 2,000,143                  | 20,000                    |             |   | \$0.11396              |                     | \$0.15292              |                     |                               |
| 33       |   | Block 3            | 713,689                    | 20,000                    |             |   | \$0.08251              |                     | \$0.12147              |                     |                               |
| 34       |   | Block 4            | 908,192                    | 100,000                   |             |   | \$0.05102              |                     | \$0.08998              |                     |                               |
| 35<br>36 |   | Block 5<br>Block 6 | 22,758<br>0                | 600,000<br>all additional |             |   | \$0.03209<br>\$0.01952 |                     | \$0.07105<br>\$0.05848 |                     |                               |
| 37       | 32I Firm Trans  | Block 1            | 11,491,095                 | 10,000                    | 77,536      | \$925.00                                | \$0.13069              | \$7,487.37          | \$0.16965              | \$10,508.17         | 40.3%                         |
| 38       |   | Block 2            | 16,722,073                 | 20,000                    | ,           |   | \$0.11214              | .,                  | \$0.15110              |                     |                               |
| 39       |   | Block 3            | 10,683,887                 | 20,000                    |             |   | \$0.08125              |                     | \$0.12021              |                     |                               |
| 40       |   | Block 4            | 22,101,234                 | 100,000                   |             |   | \$0.05039              |                     | \$0.08935              |                     |                               |
| 41<br>42 |   | Block 5            | 23,116,595                 | 600,000                   |             |   | \$0.03179              |                     | \$0.07075              |                     |                               |
| 42       | 32C Interr Sales  | Block 6<br>Block 1 | 7,997,925<br>4,812,286     | all additional<br>10,000  | 53,859      | \$675.00                                | \$0.01948<br>\$0.74068 | \$38,643.34         | \$0.05844<br>\$0.77964 | \$40,741.69         | 5.4%                          |
| 44       | 320 IIIteli Jales   | Block 2            | 6,912,175                  | 20,000                    | 33,033      | Ş075.00                                 | \$0.71933              | <b>730,043.34</b>   | \$0.75829              | \$40,741.05         | 3.470                         |
| 45       |   | Block 3            | 3,915,818                  | 20,000                    |             |   | \$0.68371              |                     | \$0.72267              |                     |                               |
| 46       |   | Block 4            | 6,195,667                  | 100,000                   |             |   | \$0.64806              |                     | \$0.68702              |                     |                               |
| 47       |   | Block 5            | 3,369,903                  | 600,000                   |             |   | \$0.62665              |                     | \$0.66561              |                     |                               |
| 48<br>49 | 221 Interes Calif   | Block 6            | 0                          | all additional            | 42,886      | CC7F 00                                 | \$0.61101              | 620 744 72          | \$0.64997              | 622 445 57          | 5.4%                          |
| 49<br>50 | 32I Interr Sales  | Block 1<br>Block 2 | 4,976,544<br>6,358,575     | 10,000<br>20,000          | 42,886      | \$675.00                                | \$0.72514<br>\$0.70622 | \$30,744.73         | \$0.76410<br>\$0.74518 | \$32,415.57         | 5.4%                          |
| 51       |   | Block 3            | 3,824,879                  | 20,000                    |             |   | \$0.67469              |                     | \$0.74318              |                     |                               |
| 52       |   | Block 4            | 11,455,866                 | 100,000                   |             |   | \$0.64312              |                     | \$0.68208              |                     |                               |
| 53       |   | Block 5            | 6,274,793                  | 600,000                   |             |   | \$0.62420              |                     | \$0.66316              |                     |                               |
| 54       |   | Block 6            | 1,589,833                  | all additional            |             |   | \$0.61033              |                     | \$0.64929              |                     |                               |
| 55<br>56 | 32C Interr Trans  | Block 1            | 787,487                    | 10,000                    | 198,501     | \$925.00                                | \$0.12584              | \$12,252.01         | \$0.16480              | \$19,985.61         | 63.1%                         |
| 56<br>57 |   | Block 2<br>Block 3 | 1,577,765<br>946,128       | 20,000<br>20,000          |             |   | \$0.10802<br>\$0.07829 |                     | \$0.14698<br>\$0.11725 |                     |                               |
| 58       |   | Block 4            | 3,171,260                  | 100,000                   |             |   | \$0.04854              |                     | \$0.11725              |                     |                               |
| 59       |   | Block 5            | 663,407                    | 600,000                   |             |   | \$0.03070              |                     | \$0.06966              |                     |                               |
| 60       |   | Block 6            | 0                          | all additional            |             |   | \$0.01883              |                     | \$0.05779              |                     |                               |
| 61       | 32I Interr Trans  | Block 1            | 6,332,023                  | 10,000                    | 209,965     | \$925.00                                | \$0.12605              | \$12,645.11         | \$0.16501              | \$20,825.35         | 64.7%                         |
| 62       |   | Block 2            | 10,799,708                 | 20,000                    |             |   | \$0.10821              |                     | \$0.14717              |                     |                               |
| 63<br>64 |   | Block 3<br>Block 4 | 7,423,918<br>17,235,563    | 20,000<br>100,000         |             |   | \$0.07848<br>\$0.04873 |                     | \$0.11744<br>\$0.08769 |                     |                               |
| 65       |   | Block 5            | 17,235,563<br>38,975,154   | 600,000                   |             |   | \$0.04873              |                     | \$0.08769              |                     |                               |
| 66       |   | Block 6            | 98,124,177                 | all additional            |             |   | \$0.01900              |                     | \$0.05796              |                     |                               |
| 67       | Special Contracts   |                    | 51,198,641                 | N/A                       | 0           | \$0                                     | \$0.00000              | \$0.00              | \$0.03896              | \$0.00              |                               |
|          |   |                    |                            |                           |             |   |                        |                     |                        |                     |                               |

69 Totals 1,109,965,950

- 71 [1] For convenience of presentation, demand charges for Rate Schedules 31 and 32 have been removed.
- 72 [2] Tariff Advice Notice 23-05: Non-Gas Cost Deferral Amortizations Intervenor Funding
- 73 [3] Tariff Advice Notice 23-06: Non-Gas Cost Deferral Amortizations Oregon PUC Fee
- 74 [4] Tariff Advice Notice 23-07: Non-Gas Cost Deferral Amortizations SRRM
- 75 [5] Tariff Advice Notice 23-08: Non-Gas Cost Deferral Amortizations Industrial DSM
- 76 [6] Tariff Advice Notice 23-09: Non-Gas Cost Deferral Amortizations Decoupling
- 77 [7] Tariff Advice Notice 23-10: Non-Gas Cost Deferral Amortizations WARM
- 77 [7] Tallin Advice Notice 23-10. Non-Gas Cost Deferral Amortization Corporate Activity Tax (CAT) Amortization
- 79 [9] Tariff Advice Notice 23-12: Non-Gas Cost Amortization Net Curtainment and Entitlement Revenues
- 80 [10] Tariff Advice Notice 23-13: Non-Gas Cost Amortization Regulatory Rate Adjustment
- 81 [11] Tariff Advice Notice 23-14: Non-Gas Cost Amortization Residenital Rate Mitigation
- 82 [12] Tariff Advice Notice 23-15: Non-Gas Cost Amortization RNG Transport Allocation
- 83 [13] Tariff Advice Notice 23-16: COVID Years 2 & 3
- 84 [14] Tariff Advice Notice 23-17: Non-Gas Cost Amortization TSA Security Directive 85 [15] Tariff Advice Notice 23-18: CCI's
- 86 [16] Tariff Advice Notice 23-19: PGA
- 86 [16] Fariff Advice Notice 23-19: PGA 87 [17] Tariff Advice Notice 23-20: RNG Adj Mechanism
- 88 [18] Tariff Advice Notice 23-21: Gas Reserves EDIT

## NW Natural Rates and Regulatory Affairs 2023-2024 PGA Filing - OREGON Basis for Revenue Related Costs

| 1  |                                 | -  | welve Months<br>nded 06/30/23 |                             |
|----|---------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 3  | Total Billed Gas Sales Revenues | \$ | 977,383,649                   |                             |
| 4  | Total Oregon Revenues           | \$ | 981,971,599                   |                             |
| 5  |                                 |    |                               |                             |
| 6  | Regulatory Commission Fees [1]  |    | n/a                           | 0.430% Statutory rate       |
| 7  | City License and Franchise Fees | \$ | 22,573,887                    | 2.299% Line 7 ÷ Line 4      |
| 8  | Net Uncollectible Expense [2]   | \$ | 881,388                       | 0.090% Line 8 ÷ Line 4      |
| 9  |                                 |    |                               |                             |
| 10 | Total                           |    |                               | <b>2.819%</b> Sum lines 8-9 |
| 11 |                                 |    |                               |                             |

13 **Note:** 

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- 14 [1] Dollar figure is set at statutory level of 0.275% times Total Oregon Revenues (line 4).
- 15 Because the fee changed since our last general rate case, the difference between the previous fee of 0.375%
- 16 and the new fee of 0.430%, as it affects our base rates, is being captured as a temporary deferral.
- 17 [2] Represents the normalized net write-offs based on a three-year average.

NW Natural Rates & Regulatory Affairs 2023-2024 PGA Filing - Oregon: August Filing PGA Effects on Revenue

**UG 485: Rate Adjustment for Community Climate Investment Recovery** 

|    |   | Including<br>Revenue Sensitive |
|----|---|--------------------------------|
| 1  | Tomporani Ingramento  | <u>Amount</u>                  |
| 3  | Temporary Increments  |                                |
| 4  | Removal of Current Temporary Increments                           |                                |
| 5  | Amortization of Community Climate Investment Recovery             | 0                              |
| 6  |   |                                |
| 7  |   |                                |
| 8  | Addition of Proposed Temporary Increments                         |                                |
| 9  | Amortization of Community Climate Investment Recovery             | 43,243,609                     |
| 10 |   |                                |
| 11 |   |                                |
| 12 | TOTAL OF ALL COMPONENTS OF RATE CHANGES                           | \$43,243,609                   |
| 13 |   |                                |
| 14 |   |                                |
| 15 |   |                                |
| 16 | 2022 Oregon Earnings Test Normalized Total Revenues               | \$849,278,042                  |
| 17 |   |                                |
| 18 | Effect of this filing, as a percentage change (line 12 ÷ line 16) | 5.09%                          |

## NW Natural Gas Company CCI Cost Recovery Calculation for 2023-24 PGA Filing

| 1 | Conventional Gas | MT CO2e/therm: | 0.00531148 |
|---|------------------|----------------|------------|
| 2 | RNG              | MT CO2e/therm: | 0.00530600 |
| 3 | Anthropogenic    | MT CO2e/therm: | 0.00000548 |
| 4 |                  |                |            |

| 5  |   | Actual or Forecasted<br>Usage in Therms | MT CO2e Emissions | CPP Compliance Cap in MT CO2e | Difference | CCI Cost           |
|----|---|---|-------------------|-------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| 6  | 2023 CPP Compliance   | (A)                                     | (B)               | (C)                           | (B-C=D)    | (E)                |
| 7  | Total Throughput  | 1,131,153,102                           | 6,008,097         | 5,538,434                     | 469,663    | \$<br>59,647,211   |
| 8  | Less: Emissions that result from non-<br>combustion-related processes | 19,974,688                              | (106,095)         | -                             | (106,095)  | \$<br>(13,474,085) |
| 9  | Less: RNG (Biogenic Emissions)  | 4,353,559                               | (23,100)          | -                             | (23,100)   | \$<br>(2,933,698)  |
| 10 | Add: Anthropogenic Emissions  | n/a                                     | 33                | -                             | 33         | \$<br>4,181        |
| 11 | Total   | 1,106,824,854                           | 5,878,935         | 5,538,434                     | 340,501    | \$<br>43,243,609   |