



# NORTHWEST NATURAL HOLDING COMPANY

## **Environmental Policy**

### **Purpose**

Environmental stewardship is one of Northwest Natural Holding Company's core values.

The company is committed to protecting and enhancing the quality of the natural environment and to operating its business in an increasingly sustainable manner. The company strives to conduct its business consistent with this philosophy and in a manner that reflects its respect for our customers, employees, investors and the public.

This Environmental Policy sets forth the company's expectations for aligning its business practices with its commitment toward environmental stewardship.

### **Application and Oversight**

Employees are responsible for performing their assigned work in accordance with this Environmental Policy. It is management's responsibility to educate employees in the use of sound environmental practices. The company strives to hold contractors, vendors and suppliers to the same standards of performance regarding activities that may impact the environment and work with our business partners when possible to minimize impacts on the environment.

This Environmental Policy was approved by our Board of Directors. The Public Affairs and Environmental Policy Committee of our Board of Directors oversees implementation of this policy at the board level, and management oversight of this policy is led by the Vice President, Chief Public Affairs and Sustainability Officer.

### **Policy Statement**

#### ***Environmental Stewardship***

Northwest Natural Holding Company is committed to managing our assets in an environmentally responsible way.

Northwest Natural Holding Company works to meet or exceed the requirements of all applicable environmental laws, codes, regulations and standards. We are committed to working constructively with all entities authorized to develop and reform environmental laws and regulations in an effort to create reasonable and more effective policies.

The company is committed to working to improve operating procedures to reduce the impacts of our operations and to protect human health and the environment. The company, through its subsidiary Northwest Natural Gas Company, maintains an

environmental management system to ensure environmental compliance programs are in place, support continuous improvement of these programs, promote coordination across company departments and allow us to monitor our environmental performance.

### ***Climate Commitment and Strategy***

Through its subsidiary Northwest Natural Gas Company, the company is committed to helping its customers reduce their impact on the environment by encouraging the efficient use of energy, and by promoting more sustainable technologies and practices such as the use of renewable natural gas, hydrogen, carbon capture and voluntary carbon offset products that are consistent with our business model.

### ***Stakeholder Engagement, Communication and Reporting***

The company is committed to maintaining active relationships with environmental, community-based environmental justice and sustainability-focused organizations and other interested parties, and consulting as appropriate, to develop environmental programs and partnerships that promote innovation, and drive increasingly sustainable practices with the goals of: using natural resources more efficiently, addressing climate change, lowering emissions, reducing releases and waste, minimizing our footprint, mitigating our impact and improving our communities' quality of life.

We are committed to identifying and assessing environmental issues, risks and opportunities, creating awareness around environmental issues relevant to our business, setting and periodically reviewing environmental goals, and regularly reporting on our progress toward our environmental goals.

### ***Continuous Improvement***

The company consistently seeks opportunities to further our commitment to environmental stewardship and to exceed current standards of environmental protection, including pollution prevention, climate protection, and habitat and species protection.

The company will periodically review and evaluate compliance with this policy.

### **Effective Dates**

Approved by the NW Holdings Board of Directors in December 2018.

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