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July 31, 2025

NWN OPUC Advice No. 25-14 / ADV 1767

### VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Public Utility Commission of Oregon Attention: Filing Center 201 High Street SE, Suite 100 Post Office Box 1088 Salem, Oregon 97308-1088

Re: REQUEST FOR AMORTIZATION OF RESIDUAL TEMPORARY BILL CREDITS ASSOCIATED WITH RESIDENTIAL RATE MITIGATION FOR THE 2023/2024 WINTER HEATING SEASON

Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural ("NW Natural" or "Company"), files herewith revisions and additions to its Tariff, P.U.C. Or. 25,1 stated to become effective with service on and after October 31, 2025, as follows:

Fourth Revision of 166-1	Schedule 166	Residential Rate Mitigation
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# **Purpose**

The purpose of this filing is to request inclusion in rates the residual amounts from the temporary bill credits associated with residential rate mitigation from the 2023/2024 rate change that did not get fully amortized.

### **Background:**

This filing is in compliance with ORS 757.259, which authorizes deferred utility expenses or revenues to be allowed (amortized) in rates to the extent authorized by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) in a proceeding to change rates. In 2022, the Commission approved a rate mitigation deferral that would lower customer bills in the winter months, via credits, and recover those back, via surcharges, during the non-winter months. The Company under forecasted customer usage in February and March of 2023, causing an under recovery of the rate mitigation deferral. Furthermore, customer usage was less than predicted in the 2023/2024 period. The Company proposes amortization of residual amounts that are forecasted to not be fully amortized by October 31, 2025, with a rate effective date of October 31, 2025.

### **Proposed Changes**

The net effect of the removal of the current temporary adjustments applied to rates effective November 1, 2024, and the application of the new temporary adjustments decrease the Company's annual revenues by \$674,855, or about 0.07%.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Tariff P.U.C. Or. 25 originated November 1, 2012 with docket UG 221; Order No. 12-408 as supplemented by Order No. 12-437 and was filed in accordance with ORS 767.205 and OAR 860-022-0005.

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The monthly bill of the average residential customers served under Rate Schedule 2 using 54 therms will see a decrease of \$0.09.

The proposed adjustments for the amortization of the Rate Mitigation account is \$0.00015 for residential Rate Schedule 2.

In compliance with OAR 860-022-0025 the Company states that the number of customers affected by the proposed change in this filing is 644,678 residential customers.

### Conclusion

In support of this filing, the Company includes supporting materials as part of this filing and will separately submit work papers in electronic format, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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

Please address correspondence on this matter to Michael Lewis at Michael.Lewis@nwnatural.com with copies to the following:

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Sincerely,

**NW NATURAL** 

/s/ Kyle Walker, CPA

Kyle Walker, CPA Rates/Regulatory Senior Manager

Attachment: Exhibit A – Supporting Materials

# **NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY**

P.U.C. Or. 25

Fourth Revision of Sheet 166-1 Cancels Third Revision of Sheet 166-1

# SCHEDULE 166 RESIDENTIAL RATE MITIGATION

### **PURPOSE:**

To temporarily mitigate residential customer rates due to high natural gas prices and the Company's approved general rate case, UG 435.

### **APPLICABLE:**

To the following Rate Schedules of this Tariff:

Residential: Rate Schedule 2

# **ADJUSTMENT TO RATE SCHEDULES:**

The Temporary Adjustments for Residential Customers taking service on the above-listed Rate Schedule(s) includes the following adjustment that sunsets on the date listed and is therefore not applicable for service after the Rate Sunset Date:

\$0.00015 per therm (R)

Effective: October 31, 2025

(C)

# **GENERAL TERMS:**

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

Issued July 31, 2025 NWN OPUC Advice No. 25-14 Effective with service on and after October 31, 2025

Issued by: NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY d.b.a. NW Natural

# **EXHIBIT A**

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

# NW NATURAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS

Inclusion of Temporary Bill Credits Associated with Residential Rate Mitigation for 2023/2024 Winter Heating Season

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# **NW NATURAL**

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

		Oregon PGA	Proposed Amount:	Rate Mitigation 61,476 Permanent Increment		
		Volumes page,	Revenue Sensitive Multiplier:		revenue sensitive factor	
		,				
		Column F	Amount to Amortize:	63,389	to residential	
Calcadola	DII-			Multiplier	Volumes	Incremen
Schedule 2R	Block	A 421,439,949	1	BJ 1.0	BK 421,439,949	\$0.000
3C Firm Sales		191,560,213	4	0.0	0	\$0.000
31 Firm Sales		4,897,917	1	0.0	0	\$0.000
27 Dry Out		739,110	1	0.0	0	\$0.000
31C Firm Sales	Block 1	12,710,926	1	0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 2	11,231,948		0.0	0	\$0.000
31C Firm Trans	Block 1	1,171,263	1	0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 2	1,305,394		0.0	0	\$0.000
31I Firm Sales	Block 1	3,428,826	1	0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 2	7,225,968		0.0	0	\$0.000
31I Firm Trans	Block 1	12,735	1	0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 2	31,024		0.0	0	\$0.000
32C Firm Sales	Block 1	36,364,305	1	0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 2	11,181,417		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 3	1,968,034		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 4	888,550		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 5	16,644		0.0	0	\$0.000
-	Block 6	0		0.0	0	\$0.000
32I Firm Sales	Block 1	8,628,593		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 2	7,972,562		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 3	2,916,083		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 4	2,877,605		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 5	443,011		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 6	0	4	0.0	0	\$0.000
32C Firm Trans	Block 1	2,769,074		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 2	2,051,764		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 3	656,440		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 4	951,036		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 5	42,214		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 6	0	4	0.0	0	\$0.000
32I Firm Trans	Block 1	11,405,325		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 2	16,248,048		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 3	9,930,036		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 4 Block 5	21,832,878		0.0	0	\$0.000
		22,413,473				\$0.000
32C Interr Sales	Block 6 Block 1	7,541,214 4,420,212	4	0.0	0	\$0.000
32C IIILEII Jaies	Block 2	6,619,668		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 3	3,569,981		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 4	5,246,915		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 5	3,398,942		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 6	3,338,342		0.0	0	\$0.000
32I Interr Sales	Block 1	4,783,726		0.0	0	\$0.000
22	Block 2	6,385,368		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 3	3,622,167		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 4	10,367,186		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 5	4,928,689		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 6	0		0.0	0	\$0.000
32C Interr Trans	Block 1	780,580		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 2	1,586,918		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 3	1,034,205		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 4	3,340,006		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 5	431,793		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 6	0		0.0	0	\$0.000
32I Interr Trans	Block 1	5,825,488		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 2	9,678,292		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 3	6,123,269		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 4	14,253,538		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 5	29,505,433		0.0	0	\$0.000
	Block 6	96,966,741		0.0	0	\$0.000
33		0		0.0	0	\$0.000
Special Contracts		74,098,618		0.0	0	\$0.000
TOTALS		1,121,821,307			421,439,949 \$	0.000
Sources for line 2 abo	ve:					
Inputs page Tariff Schedules				Line 101		

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v	OLUMES IN THERN	115									See note [11]
			Oregon PGA Normalized		Normal Therms	Minimum	11/1/2024	11/1/2024	Proposed 10/31/2025	Proposed 10/31/2025	Proposed 10/31/2025
			Volumes page,	Therms in	Monthly	Monthly	Billing	Current	Schedule 166 Rate Mitigation	Schedule 166 Rate Mitigation	Schedule 166 Rate Mitigation
			Column D	Block	Average use	Charge	Rates	Average Bill	Rates	Average Bill	% Bill Change
		_						F=D+(C * E)		AI = D+(C * AH)	AJ = (AI- F)/F
_	Schedule	Block	A	В	С	D	E	F	AH	Al	AJ
-	2M		374,907,494	N/A	54	\$10.00	\$1.33108	\$81.88	\$1.32948	\$81.79	-0.19
-	2R 3C Firm Sales		46,532,455 191,560,213	N/A N/A	54 270	\$8.00 \$15.00	\$1.33108 \$1.18176	\$79.88 \$334.08	\$1.32948 \$1.18176	\$79.79 \$334.08	-0.19 0.09
-	31 Firm Sales		4,897,917	N/A	1,204	\$15.00	\$1.05417	\$1,284.22	\$1.05417	\$1,284.22	0.0
-	27 Dry Out		739,110	N/A	36	\$8.00	\$1.17668	\$50.36	\$1.17668	\$50.36	0.09
	31C Firm Sales	Block 1	12,710,926	2,000	2,744	\$325.00	\$0.74499	\$2,346.69	\$0.74499	\$2,346.69	0.0
		Block 2	11,231,948	all additional			\$0.71467		\$0.71467		
	31C Firm Trans	Block 1	1,171,263	2,000	3,753	\$575.00	\$0.31490	\$1,709.33	\$0.31490	\$1,709.33	0.09
_		Block 2	1,305,394	all additional			\$0.28781		\$0.28781	4	
	31I Firm Sales	Block 1	3,428,826	2,000	5,162	\$325.00	\$0.72950	\$4,008.94	\$0.72950	\$4,008.94	0.0
-	31I Firm Trans	Block 2 Block 1	7,225,968	all additional 2,000	729	\$575.00	\$0.70365 \$0.26830	\$770.59	\$0.70365 \$0.26830	\$770.59	0.0
	STI FILIT TRANS	Block 1	12,735 31,024	2,000 all additional	729	<b>35/5.00</b>	\$0.26830 \$0.24243	\$770.59	\$0.26830	\$//0.59	0.0
-	32C Firm Sales	Block 1	36,364,305	10,000	7,489	\$675.00	\$0.65293	\$5,564.79	\$0.65293	\$5,564.79	0.0
		Block 2	11,181,417	20,000	.,	, J.00	\$0.62396	+=,5073	\$0.62396	+=,55-1.75	]
		Block 3	1,968,034	20,000			\$0.57579		\$0.57579		
		Block 4	888,550	100,000			\$0.52745		\$0.52745		
		Block 5	16,644	600,000			\$0.49273		\$0.49273		
_		Block 6	0	all additional			\$0.47626		\$0.47626		
	32I Firm Sales	Block 1	8,628,593	10,000	9,861	\$675.00	\$0.60345	\$6,625.62	\$0.60345	\$6,625.62	0.0
		Block 2	7,972,562	20,000			\$0.58223		\$0.58223		
		Block 3	2,916,083	20,000			\$0.54675		\$0.54675		
		Block 4	2,877,605	100,000			\$0.51141		\$0.51141		
		Block 5	443,011	600,000			\$0.48672		\$0.48672		
-	32C Firm Trans	Block 6 Block 1	2,769,074	all additional 10,000	19,258	\$925.00	\$0.47429 \$0.14137	\$3,449.47	\$0.47429 \$0.14137	\$3,449.47	0.0
	32C FIIIII II alis	Block 2	2,051,764	20,000	19,236	\$925.00	\$0.14137	\$3,449.47	\$0.14137	\$5,449.47	0.0
		Block 3	656,440	20,000			\$0.08442		\$0.08442		
		Block 4	951,036	100,000			\$0.04883		\$0.04883		
		Block 5	42,214	600,000			\$0.02745		\$0.02745		
		Block 6	0	all additional			\$0.01327		\$0.01327		
	32I Firm Trans	Block 1	11,405,325	10,000	73,016	\$925.00	\$0.13314	\$7,174.60	\$0.13314	\$7,174.60	0.0
		Block 2	16,248,048	20,000			\$0.11308		\$0.11308		
		Block 3	9,930,036	20,000			\$0.07964		\$0.07964		
		Block 4	21,832,878	100,000			\$0.04622		\$0.04622		
		Block 5 Block 6	22,413,473	600,000			\$0.02609		\$0.02609		
-	32C Interr Sales	Block 1	7,541,214 4,420,212	all additional 10,000	29,363	\$675.00	\$0.01279 \$0.61838	\$18,374.36	\$0.01279 \$0.61838	\$18,374.36	0.0
	SZC IIICH Saics	Block 2	6,619,668	20,000	25,505	Ç075.00	\$0.59472	710,374.30	\$0.59472	Ç10,574.50	0.0
		Block 3	3,569,981	20,000			\$0.55521		\$0.55521		
		Block 4	5,246,915	100,000			\$0.51568		\$0.51568		
		Block 5	3,398,942	600,000			\$0.49198		\$0.49198		
_		Block 6	0	all additional			\$0.47465		\$0.47465		
	32I Interr Sales	Block 1	4,783,726	10,000	27,552	\$675.00	\$0.59896	\$16,815.80	\$0.59896	\$16,815.80	0.0
		Block 2	6,385,368	20,000			\$0.57835		\$0.57835		
		Block 3	3,622,167	20,000			\$0.54400		\$0.54400		
		Block 4	10,367,186	100,000			\$0.50962		\$0.50962		
		Block 5 Block 6	4,928,689 0	600,000 all additional			\$0.48899 \$0.47389		\$0.48899 \$0.47389		
-	32C Interr Trans	Block 1	780,580	10,000	199,264	\$925.00	\$0.12838	\$11,569.70	\$0.12838	\$11,569.70	0.0
	SZC IIICII II III	Block 2	1,586,918	20,000	155,204	<b>\$323.00</b>	\$0.10895	711,303.70	\$0.12836	Ç11,305.70	0.0
		Block 3	1,034,205	20,000			\$0.07661		\$0.07661		
		Block 4	3,340,006	100,000			\$0.04425		\$0.04425		
		Block 5	431,793	600,000			\$0.02486		\$0.02486		
_		Block 6	0	all additional			\$0.01194		\$0.01194		
	32I Interr Trans	Block 1	5,825,488	10,000	198,962	\$925.00	\$0.12678	\$11,474.60	\$0.12678	\$11,474.60	0.0
		Block 2	9,678,292	20,000			\$0.10765		\$0.10765		
		Block 3	6,123,269	20,000			\$0.07583		\$0.07583		1
		Block 4	14,253,538	100,000			\$0.04395		\$0.04395		1
		Block 5	29,505,433	600,000			\$0.02486		\$0.02486		
-	33	Block 6	96,966,741 0	all additional N/A	0.0	\$38,000.00	\$0.01213 \$0.00465	\$38,000.00	\$0.01213 \$0.00465	\$38,000.00	l
-							\$0.00465				<del> </del>
	Special Contracts		74,098,618	N/A	0	\$0	ŞU.UU405	\$0.00	\$0.00465	\$0.00	<u> </u>

70 **Totals 1,121,821,307** 

# NW Natural Rates and Regulatory Affairs 2025-2026 PGA Filing - OREGON Basis for Revenue Related Costs

1		-	welve Months nded 06/30/25	
3	Total Billed Gas Sales Revenues	\$	947,586,013	
4	Total Oregon Revenues	\$	952,494,446	
5				
6	Regulatory Commission Fees [1]		n/a	0.450% Statutory rate
7	City License and Franchise Fees	\$	22,248,348	2.336% Line 7 ÷ Line 4
8	Net Uncollectible Expense [2]	\$	2,209,884	0.232% Line 8 ÷ Line 4
9				<u> </u>
10	Total			<b>3.018%</b> Sum lines 6-8
11				<u></u>

### 12 13 **Note:**

- 14 [1] Dollar figure is set at statutory level of 0.450% times Total Oregon Revenues (line 4).
- 15 Because the fee changed since our last general rate case, the difference between the previous fee of 0.430%
- 16 and the new fee of 0.450%, 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.

Including

NW Natural Rates & Regulatory Affairs

2025-2026 PGA Filing - Oregon: August Filing

**PGA Effects on Revenue** 

**Schedule 166: Residential Rate Mitigation** 

1		Revenue Sensitive  Amount
2	Temporary Increments	<del></del>
3		
4	Removal of Current Temporary Increments	
5	Amortization of Residential Rate Mitigation	(738,244)
6		
7		
8	Addition of Proposed Temporary Increments	
9	Amortization of Residential Rate Mitigation	63,389
10		
11	TOTAL OF ALL COMPONENTS OF BATE SHANGES	(#C74 OFF)
12	TOTAL OF ALL COMPONENTS OF RATE CHANGES	(\$674,855)
13		
14		
15 16	2024 Orogon Farnings Tost Normalized Total Revenues	¢020 2E4 792
10	2024 Oregon Earnings Test Normalized Total Revenues	\$939,254,783
18	Effect of this filing, as a percentage change (line 12 ÷ line 16)	-0.07%
10	Lifect of this filling, as a percentage change (life 12 + life 10)	-0.07 70

NW Natural
Rates & Regulatory Affairs
2025-26 PGA Filing - August Filing
Summary of Deferred Accounts Included in the PGA

	Account	Balance 6/30/2025	Jul-Oct Estimated Activity	Jul-Oct Interest	Estimated Balance 10/31/2025	Interest Rate During Amortization	Estimated Interest During Amortization	Total Estimated Amount for (Refund) or Collection
_	A	В	С	D	E	F1	F2	G
					E = sum B thru D	5.16%		G = E + F2
71	151912 RATE MITIGATION AMORTIZATION	122,913	(64,310)	1,367	59,971			
72	Total	122,913	(64,310)	1,367	59,971	4.60%	1,505	61,476

Company: Northwest Natural Gas Company

State: Oregon

Description: OR RATE MITIGATION AMORT

Account Number: 151912

Docket: Advice No. 23-14 and UG 512

Amortization of deferral approved in Order No. 24-396

# Debit (Credit)

	Month/Year	Note	Amortiztion	Transfers	Interest Rate	Interest	Activity	Balance
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1	Beginning Balance							
19	Jul-24		(129,222.12)		5.490%	6,116.26	(123,105.86)	1,278,393.50
20	Aug-24		(105,375.73)		5.490%	5,607.60	(99,768.13)	1,178,625.37
21	Sep-24		(118,510.12)		5.330%	4,971.87	(113,538.25)	1,065,087.12
22	Oct-24		(172,085.92)		5.130%	4,185.41	(167,900.51)	897,186.61
23	Nov-24	OLD	(235,254.15)		4.860%	3,157.22	(232,096.93)	665,089.68
24	Nov-24	NEW	(24,576.46)	1.62	4.860%	(49.76)	(24,624.60)	640,465.08
25	Dec-24		(104,020.36)		4.800%	2,353.82	(101,666.54)	538,798.54
26	Jan-25		(111,060.46)		4.770%	1,920.99	(109,139.47)	429,659.07
27	Feb-25		(120,945.61)		4.680%	1,439.83	(119,505.78)	310,153.29
28	Mar-25		(81,294.15)		4.590%	1,030.86	(80,263.29)	229,890.00
29	Apr-25		(55,821.21)		4.622%	777.96	(55,043.25)	174,846.75
30	May-25		(29,758.39)		4.630%	617.21	(29,141.18)	145,705.57
31	Jun-25		(23,306.20)		4.600%	513.87	(22,792.33)	122,913.24
32	Jul-25	Forecasted	(18,413.52)		4.600%	435.87	(17,977.65)	104,935.59
33	Aug-25	Forecasted	(15,569.61)		4.600%	372.41	(15,197.20)	89,738.39
34	Sep-25	Forecasted	(18,851.10)		4.600%	307.87	(18,543.23)	71,195.16
35	Oct-25	Forecasted	(11,475.53)		4.600%	250.92	(11,224.61)	59,970.55
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### 37 **Notes:**

**<sup>1</sup>** - Transfer represents the balance of the rate mitigation balance to be amortized.