

# NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY

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## SCHEDULE 301 PUBLIC PURPOSES FUNDING SURCHARGE

### PURPOSE:

To specify the method of billing of a Public Purposes surcharge that is to fund public purposes activities to be administered through one or more independent entities. Public purposes activities include, but may not necessarily be limited to, energy efficiency programs, market transformation programs, residential low-income energy efficiency programs, and residential low-income bill payment assistance programs designed to benefit Residential and Commercial Customers within NW Natural's service territory in Oregon.

### APPLICABLE:

To Residential and Commercial Customers served on the following Rate Schedules of this Tariff:

Residential	Commercial
Rate Schedule 2	Rate Schedule 3 (03CSF)
	Rate Schedule 27 (27R)
	Rate Schedule 31 (31CSF)

**ADJUSTMENT TO RATES:** Effective: January 1, 2023 (C)

A Public Purposes surcharge will be assessed on the total energy use billed (the total of the Customer Charge plus the per therm usage charges) and shown as a line item on each customer's monthly bill as follows:

Residential: 5.53% of the total energy use billed (R)  
Commercial: 4.78% of the total energy use billed (R)

The funds collected from such Public Purposes surcharge shall be allocated to specific separate accounts to fund the specified public purposes program(s) as follows:

### **RESIDENTIAL:**

3.93% will support public purpose funding for **Schedule 350** energy efficiency programs delivered and administered by the Energy Trust of Oregon (Energy Trust). (R)

0.75% will support public purpose funding for **Schedule 310** low-income bill payment assistance activities.

0.85% will support public purpose funding for **Schedule 320** low-income energy efficiency activities.

### **COMMERCIAL:**

3.93% will support public purpose funding for **Schedule 350** energy efficiency programs delivered and administered by the Energy Trust. (R)

0.85% will support public purpose funding for **Schedule 320** low-income energy efficiency activities.

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### DETERMINATION OF RATE:

The Company will annually determine if the Public Purpose Funding Surcharge for the **Schedule 350** energy efficiency programs needs to be adjusted so that forecasted collections, plus unspent collections held by the Energy Trust are sufficient for acquiring cost-effective demand side management based upon resource portfolio and conservation supply curve methodologies consistent with the Company's last acknowledged Integrated Resource Plan or Integrated Resource Plan update, plus a spending reserve appropriately sized for economic conditions and forecasted growth.

### SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

1. Each month, the Company will bill the Public Purposes surcharge on all Residential and Commercial Customer bills. By the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month following the billing month, the Company will forward the amount of funds expected to be collected from billings issued for the prior calendar month, less a reserve for uncollectibles in an amount equal to NW Natural's average percentage of net write-offs, to the respective fund administrator or program account. Funds retained in the accounts after the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month will earn interest at the Company's currently authorized rate of return until distributed, unless otherwise specified in an approved program or other agreement,
2. The Company will retain an amount not to exceed \$50,000 per year from the monies collected to fund **Schedule 320** low-income energy efficiency programs to be used for the purpose of an independent program performance evaluation.
3. The monies collected for **Schedule 350** programs will be transferred to the Energy Trust. The Energy Trust is the entity approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC) to receive such public purposes funds, and to use such funds to design, promote and administer Natural Gas energy efficiency programs in accordance with agreements executed between the Company and the Energy Trust.
4. The monies collected for **Schedule 310** and **Schedule 320** programs will be transferred to the appropriate internal program accounts (OLGA and OLIEE, respectively) based on the allocation set forth in this **Schedule 301**.
5. Each year, to be effective October 1, or such other date as the Commission may approve, the Company will determine the amount of residential low-income public purposes funds that will be allocated between **Schedule 310** and **Schedule 320** programs. In making this determination, the Company will consult with at least one representative from: (a) the staff of the Public Utility Commission, (b) Citizens' Utility Board, and (c) Community Action Partnership of Oregon. The minimum public purposes fund allocation for **Schedule 310** programs shall be 0.75% of monthly residential customer bills.

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6. The Company, and any independent entity selected to administer public purposes programs under this Tariff, will report program results as directed by the Commission. Copies of all reports provided by the fund administrators to the Commission shall also be submitted to the Company for review.
7. All funds collected from NW Natural Customers will be allocated only to programs that are available within the Company's service territory in Oregon.

**GENERAL TERMS:**

This 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 this Schedule apply to service under this Schedule, and by all rules and regulations prescribed by regulatory authorities, as amended from time to time.

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