

November 15, 2021

NWN OPUC Advice No. 21-17 / ADV_____

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: Schedule 301—Public Purposes Funding Surcharge

Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural (“NW Natural” or “Company”), files herewith the following revisions to its Tariff P.U.C. Or. 25¹, stated to become effective on and after January 1, 2022:

Ninth Revision of Sheet 301-1	Schedule 301	Public Purposes Funding Surcharge
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This filing is made in accordance with OAR 860-022-0025 and OAR 860-022-0045.

Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to revise Schedule 301 Public Purposes Funding Surcharge to update the portion allocated to the Energy Trust of Oregon (“ETO”).

Proposed Changes

The purpose of this filing is to revise the portion of public purpose funds allocated to the ETO for the administration of residential and commercial energy efficiency programs from 3.70% to 4.18%. This change is intended to provide the ETO with approximately \$28.2 million dollars of total program funding in 2022, which is sufficient to acquire nearly 4.2 million of therm savings.

Attached are worksheets demonstrating the calculation of the rate and the impact this will have on customer bills. Bill impacts are summarized in the table below.

¹ Tariff P.U.C. Or. 25 originated November 1, 2012 with Docket UG 221; OPUC Order No. 12-408 as supplemented by Order No. 12-437 and was filed pursuant to ORS 767.205 and OAR 860-022-0005.

Class	Rate Schedule	Customers	Average Monthly Bill Change (\$)	Average Monthly Bill Change (%)
Residential	Schedule 2	625,679	\$0.31	0.5%
Commercial	Schedule 3	58,597	\$1.18	0.5%
Commercial	Schedule 27	1,512	\$0.23	0.5%
Commercial Firm Sales	Schedule 31	649	\$10.11	0.5%

There is no change in the Company's operating revenue as a result of this filing.

The Company respectfully requests that the tariff sheet filed herewith be permitted to become effective with service on and after January 1, 2022.

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 the Company's website at www.nwnatural.com.

Please address correspondence on this matter to me with copies to the following:

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If you have any questions, please call me at (503) 610-7074.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Natasha Siores

Natasha Siores
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Enclosures

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY

P.U.C. Or. 25

Ninth Revision of Sheet 301-1
Cancels Eighth Revision of Sheet 301-1

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, 2022

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: 5.78% of the total energy use billed

Commercial: 5.03% of the total energy use billed

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:

4.18% will support public purpose funding for **Schedule 350** energy efficiency programs delivered and administered by the Energy Trust of Oregon (Energy Trust).

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:

4.18% will support public purpose funding for **Schedule 350** energy efficiency programs delivered and administered by the Energy Trust.

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

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EXHIBIT A

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
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Oregon Bill Impacts of 2022 Public Purpose Charges

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3		Monthly bill	ETO related	Monthly bill
4		<u>w/out PPC</u>	<u>PPC charge</u>	<u>w/ PPC</u>
5	<u>Residential</u>			
6	Current Bill (ETO PPC = 3.70%)	\$64.50	\$2.39	\$66.89
7	Proposed Bill (ETO PPC = 4.18%)	\$64.50	\$2.70	\$67.20
8	\$ Change		\$0.31	\$0.31
9	% Change		13.0%	0.5%
10	RS2 using average therms/month:	54		
11				
12	<u>Commercial</u>			
13	Current Bill (ETO PPC = 3.70%)	\$245.34	\$9.08	\$254.42
14	Proposed Bill (ETO PPC = 4.18%)	\$245.34	\$10.26	\$255.60
15	\$ Change		\$1.18	\$1.18
16	% Change		13.0%	0.5%
17	RS3 using average therms/month:	242		
18				
19				
20	<u>Notes:</u>			
21	Current Bill (ETO PPC = 3.70%)			
22	Proposed Bill (ETO PPC = 4.18%)			

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ETO-Related PPC Calculation

Schedule	customers	Estimated collection for tracker year	Addition for new PPC charge	Current average bill with new PPC	Current average bill with old PPC	Total % Bill Change
2R	625,679	486,399,806	\$2.70	\$67.20	\$66.89	0.5%
27 dry-out	1,512	840,777.0	\$1.94	\$48.25	\$48.02	0.5%
3C Firm Sales	58,597	172,291,759	\$10.26	\$255.60	\$254.42	0.5%
31C Firm Sales	649	16,323,019	\$88.01	\$2,193.40	\$2,183.29	0.5%
Total expected collection		<u>675,855,361</u>				
PPC 1 year		<u>28,242,500</u>				
Proposed ETO PPC Rate		4.18%				
Current ETO related PPC		3.70%				
Change		0.48%				
% Change in Rate		13.0%				