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Advice No. 19-09-G Supplemental

Docket No. UG-366 Compliance Filing – Commission Order No. 19-331

Attached for filing with the Commission is tariff sheet Schedule 475B in compliance with Commission Order No. 19-331 in Docket No. UG-366.

The Company has consulted with the other parties who agreed to the modified language in the natural gas decoupling mechanism tariff Schedule 475 submitted in this supplemental compliance filing.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Tara Knox at 509-495-4325.

Sincerely,

Patrick Ehrbar
Director of Regulatory Affairs

SCHEDULE 475B

DECOUPLING MECHANISM – NATURAL GAS

Step 4 – Calculate the amount of basic charge revenues included in total actual monthly revenues. If the actual number of customers in the month exceed the forecasted number of customers from the approved Rate Year, deduct average basic charge revenue per new customer multiplied by the number of actual customers that exceed the monthly forecasted level of customers, to determine Rate Year Adjusted basic charge revenue.

Step 5 – Subtract the lesser of actual basic charge revenue or Rate Year Adjusted basic charge revenue (Step 4) from the total actual monthly revenue or Rate Year Adjusted total monthly revenue (Step 3). The result is the Actual Decoupled Revenue.

Step 6 – The difference between the Actual Decoupled Revenue (Step 5) and the Allowed Decoupled Revenue (Step 2) is calculated, and the resulting balance is deferred by the Company. Interest would accrue on the balancing accounts at the (C)
current Modified Blended Treasury Rate as updated annually for Dockets UM 1147 (C)
and UG 221. (C)

ANNUAL NATURAL GAS DECOUPLING RATE ADJUSTMENT:

On or before August 1st each year, the Company will file a request with the Commission to surcharge or rebate, by Rate Group, the amount accumulated in the balancing (T)
accounts for the prior January through December time period. The proposed tariff revisions included with that filing would include a rate adjustment that recovers/rebates the appropriate accrued revenue amount over a twelve-month period effective on November 1st on a uniform (T)
cents per therm basis.

The accrued revenue amount approved for recovery or rebate would be transferred to a (T)
balancing account and the revenue surcharged or rebated during the period would reduce the deferred revenue in the balancing account. Any revenue remaining in the balancing account (T)
at the end of the calendar year would be added to the new revenue accruals to determine the (T)
amount of the proposed surcharge/rebate for the following year.

After determining the amount of revenue that can be recovered through a surcharge (or (T)
refunded through a rebate) by Rate Group, the proposed rates under this Schedule will be determined by dividing the accrued revenue to be recovered by Rate Group by the estimated (T)
therm sales for each Rate Group during the twelve month recovery period. The revenue (T)
amount to be recovered will be transferred to a Decoupling Balancing Account and the actual revenue received under this Schedule will be applied to the Account to reduce (amortize) the (D)
balance. Once an accrued balance is approved for amortization, interest will continue to (T)
accrue at the Modified Blended Treasury Rate, similar to other Company amortizations.