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August 29, 2017

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426

**Re:** Northwest Pipeline LLC

Docket No. RP17-

Dear Ms. Bose:

Pursuant to Part 154 of the regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission" or "FERC"), Northwest Pipeline LLC ("Northwest") tenders for filing and acceptance the following tariff sheet as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1 ("Tariff"):

#### Twentieth Revised Sheet No. 14

By this filing, Northwest proposes to decrease its fuel reimbursement factor ("Factor") for Northwest's transportation services under Rate Schedules TF-1<sup>1</sup>, TF-2, TI-1 and DEX-1 from 1.28% to 1.00%. The Factor provides in-kind reimbursement to Northwest for fuel gas used and gas lost and unaccounted-for ("L&U") in its transmission system operations.

#### Statement of Nature, Reasons and Basis for the Filing

Northwest is submitting this filing to comply with Section 14.12 of the General Terms and Conditions ("GT&C") contained in Northwest's Tariff, which requires the Factor for the transportation rate schedules to be determined semi-annually to become effective on April 1 and October 1 of each year.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In addition to the Rate Schedule TF-1 Factor, a fixed 0.50% Evergreen Expansion Incremental Surcharge applies to the quantity of gas nominated for receipt at the Sumas, SIPI, or Pacific Pool receipt points under Evergreen Expansion service agreements.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Factors for Northwest's storage rate schedules SGS-2F, SGS-2I, LS-2F, LS-3F, LS-2I and LD-4I are determined annually to become effective April 1 of each year.

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Northwest typically bases its projected transportation quantities, fuel usage and L&U on historical averages. Northwest has continued to use that methodology in making the current projections for its Factor.

The proposed 1.00% Factor is designed to recover the anticipated fuel usage and L&U, and to true-up the variance between fuel reimbursed and fuel used (including L&U) for prior periods. This Factor is proposed to be used during the upcoming October 2017 through March 2018 period for transportation services under Rate Schedules TF-1, TF-2, TI-1 and DEX-1. The attached Exhibit A and Appendix included herein show the data and formulas used to derive the proposed Factors.

#### Filings Pending Before the Commission

In compliance with 18 CFR § 154.204(f), Northwest states that it has no other tariff filings pending before the Commission that may significantly impact this filing.

#### Effective Date and Waiver Request

Northwest hereby moves that the proposed Tariff sheet be made effective October 1, 2017, or at the end of any suspension period which may be imposed by the Commission. Northwest requests that the Commission grant any waivers it may deem necessary for the acceptance of this filing.

#### **Procedural Matters**

Pursuant to the applicable provisions in Section 154 of the Commission's regulations, Northwest submits an eTariff .xml filing package, containing the following items:

- Proposed tariff sheet,
- Marked tariff sheet, and
- Transmittal letter, Exhibit A and Appendix.

#### Service and Communications

In compliance with 18 CFR § 154.7(b), Northwest certifies that copies of this filing have been served electronically upon Northwest's customers and upon interested state regulatory commissions.

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All communications regarding this filing should be served by e-mail to:

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The undersigned certifies that the contents of this filing are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief and he possesses full power and authority to sign this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

#### NORTHWEST PIPELINE LLC

Laren Gertsch

Director, Rates and Tariffs

Enclosures

#### STATEMENT OF FUEL USE REQUIREMENTS FACTORS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF FUEL USE

Applicable to Transportation Service Rendered Under Rate Schedules Contained in this Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1

The rates set forth on Sheet Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8 and 8-A are exclusive of fuel use requirements. Shipper shall reimburse Transporter in-kind for its fuel use requirements in accordance with Section 14 of the General Terms and Conditions contained herein.

The fuel use reimbursement furnished by Shippers shall be as follows for the applicable Rate Schedules included in this Tariff:

Rate Schedules TF-1, TF-2, TI-1, and DEX-1	1. <u>00</u> 28%
Rate Schedule TF-1 - Evergreen Expansion	
Incremental Surcharge (1)	0.50%
Rate Schedule TFL-1	_
Rate Schedule TIL-1	_
Rate Schedules SGS-2F and SGS-2I	0.15%
Rate Schedules LS-2F, LS-3F and LS-2I	
Liquefaction	0.53%
Vaporization	0.53%
Rate Schedule LD-4I	
Liquefaction	0.53%

The fuel use factors set forth above shall be calculated and adjusted as explained in Section 14 of the General Terms and Conditions. Fuel reimbursement quantities to be supplied by Shippers to Transporter shall be determined by applying the factors set forth above to the quantity of gas nominated for receipt by Transporter from Shipper for transportation, Jackson Prairie injection, Plymouth liquefaction, Plymouth vaporization, or for deferred exchange, as applicable.

#### Footnote

<sup>(1)</sup> In addition to the Rate Schedule TF-1 fuel use requirements factor, the Evergreen Expansion Incremental Surcharge will apply to the quantity of gas nominated for receipt at the Sumas, SIPI or Pacific Pool receipt points under Evergreen Expansion service agreements.

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Rate Schedules TF-1, TF-2, TI-1, and DEX-1	1.00%
Rate Schedule TF-1 - Evergreen Expansion	
Incremental Surcharge (1)	0.50%
Rate Schedule TFL-1	_
Rate Schedule TIL-1	_
Rate Schedules SGS-2F and SGS-2I	0.15%
Rate Schedules LS-2F, LS-3F and LS-2I	
Liquefaction	0.53%
Vaporization	0.53%
Rate Schedule LD-4I	
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Footnote

(1) In addition to the Rate Schedule TF-1 fuel use requirements factor, the Evergreen Expansion Incremental Surcharge will apply to the quantity of gas nominated for receipt at the Sumas, SIPI or Pacific Pool receipt points under Evergreen Expansion service agreements.

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#### Derivation of Fuel Factors to be Effective October 1, 2017

(Section No. refers to the General Terms and Conditions of Northwest's Tariff)

#### Calculation for Rate Schedules TF-1, TF-2, TI-1, DEX-1

Line No. 1 2 3 4	Section No. 14.12(a) 14.12(h) 14.12(g)	Description  Average October - March fuel usage during last three seasons  Elimination of Projected Evergreen Expansion incremental surcharge reimbursement  Cumulative (over)-recovery of fuel as of Jun. 30, 2017  Total projected fuel usage	Dth 5,073,559 (90,697) (469,011) 4,513,851	Note No. (i) (vi) (ii)
5 6 7	14.12(b) 14.12(g)	Average projected lost and unaccounted-for gas (gain) Cumulative (over)-recovery of L&U as of Jun. 30, 2017 Total projected lost and unaccounted-for gas (gain)	(115,688) (319,768) (435,456)	(iii) (iv)
8	14.12(c)	Quantities to be credited by Northwest		
9	14.12(e)	Total projected fuel and lost and unaccounted-for gas	4,078,395	
10	14.12(d)	Projected transportation receipts	409,053,879	(v)
11	14.12(e)	Factor (line 9 divided by line 10)	1.00%	
	s to Page 1	projected as follows:	Dth	
(1)	J	• •	4 007 040	
		ctober 2016 - March 2017 fuel usage ctober 2015 - March 2016 fuel usage	4,987,819 5,396,896	
		ctober 2014 - March 2015 fuel usage	4,835,961	
		rage October - March fuel usage during last three seasons	5,073,559	
(ii)	Fuel usage	true-up adjustment calculated as follows:		
		under-recovery of fuel as of Dec. 31, 2016 per true-up adj. in Apr. 1, 2017 filing anuary - June 2017 fuel usage	305,130 5,595,039	
	Fuel Adj		5,595,059	
		efore fuel reimbursements	5,900,169	
		uary - June 2017 fuel reimbursements	6 205 002	
		system reimbursements en Expansion incremental surcharge reimbursements	6,285,992 83,188	
		Reimbursements	6,369,180	
	Cumulative	e (over)-recovery of fuel as of Jun. 30, 2017	(469,011)	

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Derivation of Fuel Factors to be Effective October 1, 2017

#### Calculation for Rate Schedules TF-1, TF-2, TI-1, DEX-1

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(iii) Lost and unaccounted-for gas projected as follows:		
Twelve months ended June 2017 actual lost and unaccounted-for gas (gain) Twelve months ended June 2016 actual lost and unaccounted-for gas (gain) Twelve months ended June 2015 actual lost and unaccounted-for gas Average twelve months lost and unaccounted-for gas during last three years	(904,029) (944,092) 1,153,995 (231,375)	
Six month lost and unaccounted-for gas (gain) (twelve month average divided by 2) Out of period adjustments or other forecast adjustments Average projected lost and unaccounted-for gas (gain)	(115,688) - (115,688)	(1)
(iv) Lost and unaccounted-for gas true-up adjustment determined as follows:		
Cumulative (over)-recovery of L&U as of Dec. 31, 2016 per true-up adj. in Apr. 1, 2017 filing Actual January - June 2017 lost and unaccounted-for gas (gain)  Total (over)-recovery  Less: reimbursements collected between Jan - June 2017 for lost and unaccounted-for gas Cumulative (over)-recovery of L&U as of Jun. 30, 2017	(729,314) (716,988) (1,446,302) (1,126,534) (319,768)	
(v) Transportation receipt quantities projected as follows:		
Actual October 2016 - March 2017 delivered transportation Actual October 2015 - March 2016 delivered transportation Actual October 2014 - March 2015 delivered transportation Average October - March delivered transportation during last three seasons	410,632,304 404,784,812 399,237,245 404,884,787	
Projected October 2017 - March 2018 delivered transportation Projected October 2017 - March 2018 fuel and lost and unaccounted-for gas receipts Projected Evergreen Expansion incremental surcharge reimbursement Projected transportation receipts	404,884,787 4,078,395 90,697 409,053,879	
(vi) Evergreen Expansion incremental surcharge reimbursement projected as follows:		
Actual October 2016 - March 2017 delivered transportation Actual October 2015 - March 2016 delivered transportation Actual October 2014 - March 2015 delivered transportation Average October - March delivered transportation during last three seasons	17,733,837 20,290,192 15,578,100 17,867,376	
Projected October 2017 - March 2018 delivered transportation.  Projected October 2017 - March 2018 fuel and lost and unaccounted-for gas receipts using a factor of 1.00% plus 0.50% incremental surcharge	17,867,376 272,092	
Projected October 2017 - March 2018 receipts for Evergreen Expansion shippers Evergreen Expansion incremental surcharge	18,139,468 0.50%	
Projected Evergreen Expansion incremental surcharge reimbursement	90,697	

(1) Northwest does not have any out-of-period or other adjustments that need to be recovered in this filing.

# Northwest Pipeline LLC Detail of 2017 Actuals Used to Derive Fuel Factors to be Effective October 1, 2017 (Dth)

			Transportation			
•	Fuel	Delivered	Lost and	Adjusted	Reimburse	ements
<b>Month</b>	<u>Usage</u>	<b>Transportation</b>	<u>Unaccounted</u>	Volumes	System-Wide	<u>Evergreen</u>
Jan-17	1,093,913	90,134,756	(196,146)	-	1,025,624	22,327
Feb-17	1,158,794	63,730,630	(178,418)	-	1,084,280	19,449
Mar-17	792,393	65,148,954	(108,297)		766,798	8,588
	3,045,100	219,014,340	(482,861)	-	2,876,702	50,364
Apr-17	892,826	57,519,582	(106,941)	-	783,674	9,614
May-17	797,889	58,115,025	(47,927)	-	746,136	8,927
Jun-17	859,224	49,640,790	(79,259)	-	752,946	14,283
	2,549,939	165,275,397	(234,127)	-	2,282,756	32,824
Total	5,595,039	384,289,737	(716,988)	-	5,159,458	83,188
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## Detail of 2017 Actuals Used to Derive Fuel Factors to be Effective October 1, 2017 (Dth)

#### Allocation of January - June 2017 Transportation Reimbursements

January - March 2017 reimbursements allocated between fuel usage and lost and unaccounted-for gas based on projections and true-ups included in the October 1, 2016 Factor calculation:

#### Allocation of Projections and True-ups:

Projected fuel usage	6,162,178	127.21%
Projected lost and unaccounted-for gas	(1,317,919)	-27.21%
Total projections (includes true-ups)	4,844,259	100.00%

#### Allocation of Reimbursements to:

	Lost and	
Fuel	Unaccounted	Total
		2,876,702
127.21%	-27.21%	100.00%
3,659,453	(782,751)	2,876,702
	127.21%	Fuel Unaccounted  127.21% -27.21%

April - June 2017 reimbursements allocated between fuel usage and lost and unaccounted-for gas based on projections and true-ups included in the April 1, 2017 Factor calculation:

#### Allocation of Projections and True-ups:

Projected fuel usage	4,916,123	115.06%
Projected lost and unaccounted-for gas	(643,369)	-15.06%
Total projections (includes true-ups)	4,272,754	100.00%

#### Allocation of Reimbursements to:

		Lost and	
	Fuel	Unaccounted	Total
Actual Reimbursements			2,282,756
Allocated percentage	115.06%	-15.06%	100.00%
Allocated reimbursements	2,626,539	(343,783)	2,282,756

#### Total January - June 2017 Allocated Transportation Reimbursements

#### Allocation of Reimbursements to:

		Lost and	
_	Fuel	Unaccounted	Total
January - March 2017	3,659,453	(782,751)	2,876,702
April - June 2017	2,626,539	(343,783)	2,282,756
_	6,285,992	(1,126,534)	5,159,458
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Detail of Actuals Used to Derive Fuel Factors to be Effective October 1, 2017 (Dth)

Monthly Detail of Historical Transportation Actuals Used to Derive Forecast

_		Transportation		
				Delivered
	Fuel	Delivered	Lost and	Evergreen
<u>Month</u>	<u>Usage</u>	<u>Transportation</u>	<u>Unaccounted</u>	Markets
Jul-16			(201,915)	
Aug-16			(61,843)	
Sep-16			68,927	
Oct-16	538,709	52,782,059	(72,926)	3,209,610
Nov-16	717,920	53,633,236	(16,314)	2,728,658
Dec-16	686,090	85,202,669	97,030	4,390,875
Jan-17	1,093,913	90,134,756	(196,146)	3,824,819
Feb-17	1,158,794	63,730,630	(178,418)	1,688,728
Mar-17	792,393	65,148,954	(108,297)	1,891,147
Apr-17	,		(106,941)	, ,
May-17			(47,927)	
Jun-17			(79,259)	
	4,987,819	410,632,304	(904,029)	17,733,837
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Jul-15			145,849	
Aug-15			8,435	
Sep-15			222,237	
Oct-15	700,751	53,035,794	(736,014)	2,478,708
Nov-15	576,930	68,007,220	(127,201)	3,986,175
Dec-15	1,058,141	78,130,514	(62,190)	3,543,562
Jan-16	1,163,580	78,945,861	(37,846)	4,130,460
Feb-16	1,087,963	63,903,848	(231,442)	2,847,417
Mar-16	809,531	62,761,575	(122,433)	3,303,870
Apr-16			43,323	
May-16			(31,257)	
Jun-16			(15,553)	
=	5,396,896	404,784,812	(944,092)	20,290,192
Jul-14			169,354	
Aug-14			97,257	
Sep-14			41,291	
Oct-14	608,179	56,266,194	141,933	5,068,766
Nov-14	757,656	69,148,777	164,513	3,348,724
Dec-14	922,421	71,159,252	43,086	3,185,546
Jan-15	917,624	71,771,243	205,878	1,845,631
Feb-15	832,452	61,347,486	9,642	578,169
Mar-15	797,629	69,544,293	(56,766)	1,551,264
Apr-15	,020	33,3 . 1,200	140,331	.,001,201
May-15			100,344	
Jun-15			97,132	
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