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

Re: Northwest Pipeline LLC, Docket No. RP22-____-000
Petition for Approval of Pre-Filing Stipulation and Settlement Agreement
Request for Commission Approval by November 15, 2022

Dear Secretary Bose:

Pursuant to Rule 207(a)(5) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“Commission”), 18 C.F.R. § 385.207(a)(5), Northwest Pipeline LLC (“Northwest”) hereby submits for filing:

- A Petition for Approval of Pre-Filing Stipulation and Settlement Agreement (“Petition”) requesting Commission approval of a Stipulation and Settlement Agreement (“Settlement”); and
- The Settlement, dated August 26, 2022, including various appendices, which Northwest believes is uncontested.

The Settlement is the result of numerous discussions among Northwest and its customers. As a general matter, the Commission “encourages” pipelines and their customers to resolve rate and tariff matters before making a rate/tariff change filing with the Commission, because such a process enables the prompt, efficient resolution of such matters for the benefit of all concerned, “without the expense of a hearing and lengthy litigation.” *Dominion Transmission, Inc.*, 111 FERC ¶ 61,285, at P 30 (2005) (“*Dominion*”). The procedures identified in *Dominion* have been followed here. Accordingly, Northwest hereby submits, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.207(a)(5), a petition for approval of the Settlement, together with *pro forma* tariff sheets required for implementation of the Settlement.

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The terms of the Settlement are summarized in the attached Petition. The Settlement generally reduces Northwest's base tariff rates, resolves other rate issues, establishes a Modernization and Emissions Reduction Program, and satisfies Northwest's rate case comeback obligation under Northwest's settlement in Docket No. RP17-346-000. As noted in the Settlement and Petition, all active parties have expressed approval of, or non-objection to, the Settlement. Accordingly, Northwest believes that the Settlement is uncontested and requests approval by November 15, 2022, so the Settlement can be implemented by the effective date of January 1, 2023.

Northwest is serving copies of this letter and attachments to all its customers and interested state commissions. Although unaware of any required waivers, Northwest respectfully requests that the Commission grant any waivers that the Commission may deem necessary to approve the Settlement as proposed herein.

Respectfully submitted,



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