

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT RELATED
TO FERC GAS TARIFF, FIFTH REVISED VOLUME NO. 1
CONTAINING TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE RATE SCHEDULES

Northwest Pipeline LLC ("Northwest" or "Transporter") is a "natural gas company" as defined by the Natural Gas Act and "an interstate pipeline" as defined by the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978. As such, Northwest is subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Northwest is engaged in the transportation (the term transportation, as defined herein, includes storage service), in interstate commerce, of natural gas for Shippers, pursuant to the regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The major facilities of Northwest are depicted on the map located on Northwest's Internet website as identified on Sheet No. 4 of this Tariff. Northwest's pipeline system extends from a point near Blanco, New Mexico, through the states of Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon and Washington to a point on the International Boundary near Sumas, Washington.

This Tariff contains transportation and storage rate schedules available for Shippers with whom Northwest contracts through executed Service Agreements for the transportation and storage of natural gas. It is the policy of Northwest to undertake the transportation and storage of gas only pursuant to written contracts with eligible customers upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Tariff, executed on a non-discriminatory basis after consideration of Northwest's existing commitments, delivery capacity, points of delivery and other relevant factors.

This FERC Gas Tariff is filed in compliance with Part 154, Subchapter E, Chapter I, Title 18 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as promulgated by Order of the Federal Power Commission in Docket No. R-107, dated October 30, 1948.