# SCHEDULE 302 CASCADE ARREARAGE RELIEF ENERGY SAVINGS (CARES) DISCOUNT RATES

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this schedule is to define the discount assistance for customers who have qualified for low-income bill payment assistance and arrearage relief, if applicable, as established in Rule 20, Cascade Arrearage Relief Energy Savings (CARES) Program.

## **APPLICABILITY**

This schedule is for residential customers served on Schedule 503 who have qualified for CARES Program service per the parameters established in Rule 20.

#### **BILL ASSISTANCE**

The following energy discount and arrearage relief discounts are available to Customers receiving service on the CARES Program. The discount tier for which a customer qualifies corresponds to the customer's cumulative household income and the number of household occupants at the time the customer enrolled in the CARES Program.

Service on this schedule is available on and after October 1, 2023.

	Income Tier Level		Energy Discount	Arrearage Relief
Tier	FPL	AMI	Energy Discount	(if applicable) *
1	0-20%	0-4%	90%	100%
2	21-50%	5-12%	71%	100%
3	51-100%	13-24%	40%	90%
4	101-150%	25-36%	15%	70%
5	151-200%	37-80%	8%	50%

<sup>\*</sup>Arrearage relief may be limited to \$1,000 per 24-month term of service in CARES.

The tiers are designed to reduce the customer's gas energy burden to a target percentage of three percent (3%) to three and a half percent (3.5%) of their total income, which aligns with the required six percent (6%) total gas and electric burden established in the Clean Energy Transformation Act and codified in RCW 19.405.120.

## **GENERAL TERMS**

Service under this adjustment schedule is governed by the terms and conditions outlined in this schedule, the Rules contained in this Tariff, any other applicable schedules, and all rules and regulations prescribed by regulatory authorities, subject to amendments from time to time.

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