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# NW Natural Names Kyra Patterson Chief People Officer

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PORTLAND, Ore.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Northwest Natural Holding Company (NYSE:NWN) (NW Natural Holdings) has hired Kyra Patterson as its Chief People Officer, effective September 8, 2025.

Kyra Patterson, Chief People Officer for NW Natural Holdings      Patterson comes to NW Natural Holdings after serving as Chief Human Relations Officer at Avangrid, a large utility services company serving about 3.1 million customers throughout New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Maine.

A former nuclear officer in the United States Navy, Patterson's career includes human resources leadership roles at International Paper, Sears and Diageo.

"Kyra has led the human resources function across public, private and mission-driven organizations. She is known for her pragmatic, resilient and approachable leadership style, and she's passionate about aligning culture and strategy to drive meaningful outcomes," said Justin Palfreyman, President and Chief Executive Officer for NW Natural Holdings. "I know Kyra will be an important part of a very dynamic and exciting future at NW Natural."

"NW Natural has a well-deserved reputation for high employee and customer engagement, something that speaks to how the company prioritizes people in everything it does," said Patterson. "I am honored to join Justin and the team at NW Natural at this exciting time for the company."

Patterson will work closely with Melinda Rogers, Vice President and Chief Human Resources and Diversity Officer at NW Natural, as Rogers transitions to her eventual retirement from the company in 2026.

[About NW Natural Holdings](#)

Northwest Natural Holding Company, (NYSE: NWN) (NW Natural Holdings), is headquartered in Portland, Oregon and has been doing business for over 166 years. It owns Northwest Natural Gas Company (NW Natural), SiEnergy Operating (SiEnergy Gas Utility), NW Natural Water Company (NW Natural Water Utility), NW Natural Renewables Holdings (NW Natural Renewables), and other business interests.

NW Natural Holdings provides critical energy and delivers essential water and wastewater services to nearly one million customers across seven states. We have a longstanding commitment to safety, environmental stewardship, and taking care of our employees and communities. NW Natural Holdings was recognized by Ethisphere® for four years running as one of the World's Most Ethical Companies®. NW Natural consistently leads the industry with high J.D. Power & Associates customer satisfaction scores.

NW Natural Gas Utility is a local distribution company that currently provides natural gas service to approximately 2 million people in more than 140 communities through approximately 807,000 meters in Oregon and Southwest Washington with one of the most modern pipeline systems in the nation. NW Natural owns and operates 21.6 Bcf of underground gas storage capacity in Oregon.

SiEnergy Gas Utility is one of the fastest growing natural gas distribution utilities in the nation serving approximately 82,000 customers in the greater metropolitan areas of Houston, Dallas, and Austin, Texas.

NW Natural Water Utility provides water distribution and wastewater services to communities throughout the Pacific Northwest, Texas, Arizona, and California. Today NW Natural Water serves an estimated 194,000 people through approximately 78,000 meters. Learn more about our water business.

NW Natural Renewables is committed to leading in the energy transition by providing renewable fuels to support the utility, commercial, industrial and transportation sectors. Learn more about our renewable business.

Additional information is available at [nwnaturalholdings.com](http://nwnaturalholdings.com).

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