

November 2023 Comfort Zone newsletter – Washington

Rate adjustments for new state climate program begin in January

NW Natural has filed for a rate adjustment with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) to recover costs associated with a new climate program adopted through state law and implemented by the Washington Department of Ecology.

While most customers will see a temporary bill reduction in November because of lower wholesale prices of natural gas, many of those same customers will see an overall, year-over-year increase in bills starting January 1, 2024, once impacts from Washington's state climate program take effect.

Expected combined effects on rates

The total bill impact will vary for customers based on household size, energy usage, and other factors such as date of connection to NW Natural's system.

		Connected to NW Natural's system before July 26, 2021		Connected to NW Natural's system after July 26, 2021	
Type of Service	Average Use Per Customer	Bill Increase	% Change	Bill Increase	% Change
Residential General Sales	16	\$2.86	9.5%	\$7.95	26.3%
Commercial General Sales	51	\$8.69	10.1%	\$25.36	29.5%
Residential Identified Low-Income	55 -*	\$7.99 \$0	10.7% 0.0%	\$27.35 \$0	36.7% 0.0%
Small-Commercial	251	\$43.31	13.8%	\$124.81	39.8%
Small-Industrial	1,218	\$208.70	15.4%	\$605.66	44.6%
Residential Dry-Out	23	\$11.43	37.0%	\$11.43	37.0%
Small Commercial Firm Sales	3,735	\$612.72	17.1%	\$1,857.27	51.7%
Small Industrial Firm Sales	4,578	\$784.20	20.2%	\$2,276.46	58.6%
Small Commercial Interruptible Sales	0	\$0.0	0.0%	\$0.0	0.0%
Small Industrial Interruptible Sales	0	\$0.0	0.0%	\$0.0	0.0%
Small Commercial Firm Transport	4,675	\$1,080.14	49.1%	\$2,324.69	105.6%
Small Industrial Firm Transport	0	\$0.0	0.0%	\$0.0	0.0%
Large Commercial Firm Sales	17,373	\$0.0	0.0%	\$0.0	0.0%
Large Industrial Firm Sales	15,737	\$0.0	0.0%	\$0.0	0.0%
Large Commercial Firm Transportation	73,112	\$25,842.93	252.5%	\$36,355.67	355.2%

Large Industrial Firm Transportation	61,267	\$16,612.85	183.4%	\$30,465.62	336.3%
Large Commercial Interruptible Sales	39,081	\$8,920.67	35.4%	\$19,433.41	77.2%
Large Industrial Interruptible Sales	18,328	\$0.0	0.0%	\$0.0	0.0%
Large Commercial Interruptible Transportation	0	\$0.0	0.0%	\$0.0	0.0%
Large Industrial Interruptible Transportation	48,156	\$10,093.28	133.1%	\$23,946.05	315.7%
High Volume Firm Transportation	0	\$0.0	0.0%	\$0.0	0.0%
High Volume Interruptible Transportation	0	\$0.0	0.0%	\$0.0	0.0%

**Use per customer for low-income customers is dependent on their rate schedule. Their use per customer will be the same as existing customers on that rate schedule.*

NW Natural's filings are requests, subject to public review and a decision by the WUTC. Customers may comment on the proposed rate changes by clicking "Submit a Comment" at www.utc.wa.gov, emailing comments@utc.wa.gov, calling 1-888-333-9882 (WUTC), or mailing Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, PO Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. Customers can also request more information, review the filing, and find out about open meetings.

For more information, visit the Rates and Regulations section of nwnatural.com, send a letter to NW Natural Rates and Regulatory, 250 SW Taylor St., Portland, OR 97204, call 800-422-4012, or email from nwnatural.com/ContactUs/Email.