

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY,

Respondent.

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DOCKET UG-181053

**SCOTT J. RUBIN ON BEHALF OF PUBLIC COUNSEL**

**EXHIBIT SJR-7**

Northwest Natural Gas Company's Response to WUTC Staff Data Request 203

(Customer Growth Forecast)

JULY 3, 2019



**Rates & Regulatory Affairs**  
UG-181053  
2018 WA General Rate Revision  
**Data Request Response**

DR Request: May 21, 2019  
Date of Response: May 30, 2019  
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**Request No.:** UG-181053 WUTC DR 203

Please provide the Company's most up-to-date forecast of customer growth by rate schedule in Washington service areas for the next five years. Please provide supporting workpapers and reference documents.

**Response:**

Please see "UG-181053 WUTC DR 203 Attachment 1.xlsx" for a five year forecast, by rate schedule, for customer counts.

		<b>Total Customers</b>						
		<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Washington Sales</b>	<b>Residential</b>	77,360	80,329	83,548	87,072	90,676	94,383	98,184
	<b>Commercial - 3</b>	6,167	6,375	6,574	6,778	6,985	7,190	7,396
	<b>Commercial - 27</b>	932	932	932	932	932	932	932
	<b>Commercial - 21</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Commercial - 41</b>	87	87	87	87	87	87	87
	<b>Commercial - 42</b>	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	<b>Industrial Firm - 3</b>	26	26	26	26	26	26	26
	<b>Industrial Firm - 21</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Industrial Firm - 41</b>	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
	<b>Industrial Firm - 42</b>	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
	<b>Interruptible - 41</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Interruptible - 42</b>	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
			84,612	87,789	91,207	94,935	98,746	102,658
<b>Transp</b>	<b>Commercial - 41</b>	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
	<b>Commercial - 42</b>	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
	<b>Industrial Firm - 41</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Industrial Firm - 42</b>	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
	<b>Interruptible - 42</b>	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
	<b>Special Contracts FIRM</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	<b>Special Contracts INTERRUPTIBLE</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			41	41	41	41	41	41

		<b>Annual Change in Customers</b>					
		<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Washington Sales</b>	<b>Residential</b>	2,969	3,219	3,524	3,604	3,707	3,801
	<b>Commercial - 3</b>	208	199	204	207	205	206
	<b>Commercial - 27</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Commercial - 21</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Commercial - 41</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Commercial - 42</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Industrial Firm - 3</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Industrial Firm - 21</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Industrial Firm - 41</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Industrial Firm - 42</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Interruptible - 41</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Interruptible - 42</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
			3,177	3,418	3,728	3,811	3,912
<b>Transp</b>	<b>Commercial - 41</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Commercial - 42</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Industrial Firm - 41</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Industrial Firm - 42</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Interruptible - 42</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Special Contracts FIRM</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Special Contracts INTERRUPTIBLE</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
			0	0	0	0	0

