

BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. UG-__

GENERAL RATE APPLICATION OF
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY

CASE SUMMARY

- (a) The date and amount of the latest prior general rate increase authorized by the Commission and the revenue realized from that authorized increase in the test period:

WUTC Docket No. UG-000073/November 1, 2000	\$4,300,000
Revenue realized in test period	\$52,601,865

- (b) Total revenues at present rates and at requested rates (Washington only):

Total revenues at present rates	\$52,601,865
Total revenues at requested rates.....	\$60,496,248

- (c) Requested revenue change in percentage, in total and by major customer class:

Firm residential sales	16.0%
Firm commercial sales.....	14.1%
Industrial firm sales.....	13.9%
Industrial interruptible sales.....	11.6%

Total revenue change	15%
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- (d) Requested revenue change in dollars, in total and by major customer class:

Firm residential sales	\$5,179,310
Firm commercial sales.....	\$2,333,001
Industrial firm sales.....	\$134,078
Industrial interruptible sales.....	\$247,994

Total revenue increase.....	\$7,894,383
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- (e) Requested rate change in dollars, per average customer by customer class. Included in the filing is the effect of the proposed rate increase in dollars per month on typical residential customers by usage categories:

	<u>Monthly</u>
Firm residential sales	\$9.16
Firm commercial sales.....	\$45.84
Industrial firm sales.....	\$485.79
Industrial interruptible	\$1,291.63

- (f) Most current customer count, by major customer class (Washington only):

Firm residential sales	47,103
Firm commercial sales.....	4,241
Industrial firm sales.....	23
Industrial interruptible sales.....	2
Transportation	14
 Total as of September 30, 2003.....	 51,388

- (g) Current authorized overall rate of return and authorized rate of return on common equity:

Overall rate of return.....	8.95%
Rate of return on common equity.....	N/A ¹

- (h) Requested overall rate of return and requested rate of return on common equity, and the method or methods used to calculate rate of return on common equity:

Overall rate of return.....	8.97%
Rate of return on common equity.....	11.00%

The methods used to calculate rate of return on common equity were discounted cash flow analysis and risk premium analysis.

¹ UG-000073 settled with specification of overall rate of return only.

(i) Requested capital structure:

Debt.....	49.3%
Short-term debt.....	1.3%
Preferred equity.....	0%
Common equity.....	49.4%

(j) Requested net operating income (Washington only).....\$9,949,961

(k) Requested rate base and method of calculation,
or equivalent, which it contains:

Requested rate base.....\$110,961,895

Test year rate base of \$93,234,022 is calculated
on the average of monthly average basis. Proposed
adjustments to rate base aggregate are \$17,727,873
(including an allowance for working capital).

(l) Requested revenue effect of attrition allowance, if any N/A