

**GLOSSARY OF TERMS**  
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TERM	DESCRIPTION
Balancing	A service gas companies provide to ensure that the receipts and deliveries of gas into or withdrawals from a company's system equal, so that the company has sufficient daily gas supply to meet the daily needs of its core and non-core customers.
City Gate	The point at which a gas distribution company receives gas from a pipeline company.
CMS	Cost Management Services, Inc. A competitive gas marketer, supplying and selling natural gas to industrial and commercial customers, including Cascade customers who take transportation-only service from Cascade under Schedules 663 and 664.
Core Customers	Usually residential and commercial customers who purchase gas service from a local distribution company as a bundled service, receiving transportation along the LDC's distribution system and gas supply, as well as other services, in one package under tariff.
Distribution Capacity	The maximum amount of natural gas which can be delivered through a distribution system within a specific period of time.
FERC	The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Firm Service	Natural gas capacity, intended to be available to a customer at all times during the period covered by a guaranteed commitment to deliver, even under adverse conditions. Also, a non-interruptible gas contract required for all customers with essential human needs (e.g. hospitals, health-care facilities and residences).
Gas Supply	A service gas companies and private gas marketers provide in selling natural gas as a commodity on a competitive basis, usually under contract.
LDC	Local distribution company. The company that owns and operates the piping that delivers natural gas to the consumer.
Net Margin	Net margin refers to gross revenue, less the cost of gas and revenue-sensitive costs.
Nomination	A request for a physical quantity of gas under a specific purchase, sales or transportation agreement or for all contracts at a specific point. A nomination will continue for specified number of days or until superseded by another service request for the same contract.
Non-Core Customers	Customers who purchase transportation and gas supply as separate services, also known as unbundled services. Non-core customers are mostly large industrial customers who can purchase gas on the market, competitively, from an LDC or a gas marketer.

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NWIGU	The Northwest Industrial Gas Users. An organization whose members are large industrial natural gas customers taking service from various utilities, including Cascade.
Pipeline Capacity	The maximum amount of natural gas which can be delivered through a pipeline within a specific period of time.
Spot Market	A market characterized by short-term, interruptible (or best efforts) contracts for specified volumes of gas. Participants may be producers, transporters, distributors, brokers, or end users.
Transportation	In this case, movement of natural gas from a city gate point of receipt to natural gas consumers through distribution mains. Transportation can also mean between the movement of gas from the well or gas field to a central point for delivery to a pipeline or processing plant within the same state.
Transportation-only Service	A service LDCs provide to allow volumes of gas owned by the ultimate consumer to be delivered to the ultimate consumer's meter through the LDC's distribution system. This service is provided on an unbundled basis and may be provided separately or together with other services, such as balancing, pipeline capacity and other gas management services.
Underground Storage	The use of subsurface facilities for storing gas which has been transferred from its original location for the primary purpose of load balancing.