

BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. UG-00____

**GENERAL RATE APPLICATION OF
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY**

Summary of Requested Rate Increase

- (a) The date and amount of the latest prior general rate increase authorized by the Commission:

WUTC Docket No. UG-970932/October 22, 1997 \$608,000

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

Total revenues at present rates \$33,089,000

Total revenues at requested rates \$39,293,000

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

Firm residential sales 17.8%

Firm commercial sales 18.4%

Industrial firm sales 18.2%

Industrial interruptible sales 17.6%

Schedule 55 10.1%

Schedule 90 16.8%

Total revenue increase 18.8%

- (d) Requested revenue increase in dollars, in total, and by major customer class:

Firm residential sales \$3,161,080

Firm commercial sales \$1,979,906

Industrial firm sales \$241,858

Industrial interruptible sales \$78,544

Schedule 55 \$313,255

Schedule 90 \$156,963

Rental revenue/special contracts \$272,760

Total revenue increase \$6,204,367

- (e) Requested rate increase in dollars, per average residential and commercial customer class. Included in the filing is the effect of the proposed rate increase in dollars per month on typical customers by usage categories:

| | <u>Monthly</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Firm residential sales..... | \$7.60 |
| Firm commercial sales..... | \$39.21 |
| Industrial firm sales..... | \$767.14 |
| Industrial interruptible | \$1,259.57 |
| Schedule 55..... | \$1,864.54 |
| Schedule 90..... | \$2,539.14 |

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

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|---|-------------------|
| Firm residential sales..... | 34,614 |
| Firm commercial sales..... | 3,660 |
| Industrial firm sales..... | 30 |
| Industrial interruptible | 5 |
| Schedule 55..... | 7 |
| Schedule 90..... | 1 |
| Total as of November 30, 1999 | <u>38,329</u> |

Rental customers included above

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

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|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Overall rate of return..... | 9.68% |
| Rate of return on common equity | 11.25% |

- (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:

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|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Overall rate of return..... | 9.17% |
| Rate of return on common equity | 11.25% |

The methods used to calculate rate of return on common equity were discounted cash flow analysis and capital asset pricing model analysis.

- (i) Requested capital structure:

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|------------------------|--------|
| Debt..... | 40.82% |
| Short-term debt..... | 3.13% |
| Preferred equity | 5.35% |
| Common equity | 50.71% |

(j) Requested net operating income (Washington only)..... \$7,775,888

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

Requested rate base \$84,830,000

Test year rate base of \$79,025,000 is calculated
on the average of monthly average basis, including
an allowance for working capital. Proposed adjustments
to rate base aggregate are \$5,805,000.

(l) Requested revenue effect of attrition allowance, if anyNot requested