

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF  
RESPONSE TO DATA REQUEST

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11. Given the Company is in the middle of a multi-year rate plan, under what specific circumstances does the Staff believe it would be fair, just and reasonable to charge existing and new customers under a banded rate structure?

**Response:**

Fair and reasonable rates may be set to keep or acquire customers at any time. Banded rates may result in the utility earning less than its authorized rate of return on the assets that serve those customers and without the expectation of recovering additional revenues from other customers or rate schedules. The Commission would review and determine the public interest of any specific proposal the company may propose and file.