



**Rates & Regulatory Affairs**  
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**Data Request Response**

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137. Please provide an electronic file containing consumption for each of 12 monthly billing periods in the historic test year for each residential premises (address) served. If possible, the file should contain one row for each address served, a column with the account number or other unique identifier, a column showing the date the address first received gas service (if this is not available, then the earliest known date that a gas meter was installed at the address, or the date the current meter was installed on the premises), a column showing the rate schedule, 12 columns with monthly meter readings, 12 columns showing the date the meter was read each month. All consumption data should be provided in therms. The file should be provided in one of the following file formats that most closely matches the original: ASCII comma delimited, ASCII tab delimited, SDF, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Access, dBASE, SPSS, or SAS. The file should be provided on a CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, USB drive, or file transfer method useable on a Windows PC. If the Company can more easily provide similar data but in a different file layout, that is acceptable as long as the file layout and any abbreviations or codes are explained. Please note: The file should not contain customer names or addresses, or any other customer-identifying information. If any information is coded, please provide a table showing the meaning of the codes.

**Response:**

Please refer to the file, "UG-181053 PC DR 137 Attachment 1."

Note that the reported rate schedule in Column D of the attachment is the current rate schedule associated with the premise, not necessarily the schedule at the time of the meter read date. New residential premises may begin on the R27 Residential Heating Dry-Out Service rate before moving to the R02 Residential Sales Service rate schedule when construction on the residence is complete. The attachment, in Column E, flags premises that were billed on rate schedule R27 for at least one month during the test period regardless of its current rate schedule. This flag explains instances where a non-

R27 premise can show no read data (blank cells) for some or all months in the test period.

There are other reasons there may be no read data across some of the test period months for some premises in the attached file. Service turnover, defined as the period after a customer shuts-off service and prior to a new customer establishing service at the same premise, can last several months in some instances. In the attachment, service turnover generally occurs at premises that were not billed on rate schedule R27 during the test period.

Also note that there are a small number of negative consumption readings. These values are associated with cancelled bills or billing adjustments.

Northwest Natural's Response to  
Public Counsel Data Request 137,  
Attachment 1

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