

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY,

Respondent.

DOCKET UG-181053

SCOTT J. RUBIN ON BEHALF OF PUBLIC COUNSEL

EXHIBIT SJR-7

Northwest Natural Gas Company's Response to WUTC Staff Data Request 203

(Customer Growth Forecast)

JULY 3, 2019



Rates & Regulatory Affairs
UG-181053
2018 WA General Rate Revision
Data Request Response

DR Request: May 21, 2019
Date of Response: May 30, 2019
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Request No.: UG-181053 WUTC DR 203

Please provide the Company's most up-to-date forecast of customer growth by rate schedule in Washington service areas for the next five years. Please provide supporting workpapers and reference documents.

Response:

Please see "UG-181053 WUTC DR 203 Attachment 1.xlsx" for a five year forecast, by rate schedule, for customer counts.

		Total Customers						
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Washington Sales	Residential	77,360	80,329	83,548	87,072	90,676	94,383	98,184
	Commercial - 3	6,167	6,375	6,574	6,778	6,985	7,190	7,396
	Commercial - 27	932	932	932	932	932	932	932
	Commercial - 21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commercial - 41	87	87	87	87	87	87	87
	Commercial - 42	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	Industrial Firm - 3	26	26	26	26	26	26	26
	Industrial Firm - 21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Industrial Firm - 41	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
	Industrial Firm - 42	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
	Interruptible - 41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Interruptible - 42	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
		84,612	87,789	91,207	94,935	98,746	102,658	106,664
Transp	Commercial - 41	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
	Commercial - 42	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
	Industrial Firm - 41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Industrial Firm - 42	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
	Interruptible - 42	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
	Special Contracts FIRM	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Special Contracts INTERRUPTIBLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		41	41	41	41	41	41	41

		Annual Change in Customers					
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Washington Sales	Residential	2,969	3,219	3,524	3,604	3,707	3,801
	Commercial - 3	208	199	204	207	205	206
	Commercial - 27	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commercial - 21	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commercial - 41	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commercial - 42	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Industrial Firm - 3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Industrial Firm - 21	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Industrial Firm - 41	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Industrial Firm - 42	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Interruptible - 41	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Interruptible - 42	0	0	0	0	0	0
		3,177	3,418	3,728	3,811	3,912	4,007
Transp	Commercial - 41	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commercial - 42	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Industrial Firm - 41	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Industrial Firm - 42	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Interruptible - 42	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Special Contracts FIRM	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Special Contracts INTERRUPTIBLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0	0	0