

# NATURAL GAS TARIFF

**NorthWestern**  
Energy

Canceling <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> Revised  
Original Revised

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Rule No. 1

## DEFINITIONS

- 1-1 Application - A written request to the Utility for gas service as distinguished from an inquiry as to the availability or charges for such services.
- 1-2 Average Error in Registration - The term "average error in registration" as used herein shall mean a meter error of plus or minus two percent as set forth in Rule No. 9-8.
- 1-3 Capacity Shortage - A condition when, in the Utility's judgment, there exists a restriction or limitation on Utility transmission or distribution pipelines necessary for the acceptance, transportation or subsequent redelivery of gas resulting in Utility being unable to meet its operational, contractual or gas customers' requirements.
- 1-4 Commission - The word "Commission" or "MPSC" as used herein shall mean the Public Service Commission of Montana.
- 1-5 Core Customer - Customer whose annual consumption is less than 5,000 Dkt per physical contiguous site.
- 1-6 Core Service - Service to customers who use less than 5,000 Dkt per year per physical contiguous site.
- 1-7 Cubic Foot of Gas
- A. When the gas itself is to be tested under these rules, a cubic foot of gas shall be that amount of gas, which occupies a volume of one cubic foot at sixty degrees Fahrenheit and under a pressure of thirty inches of mercury absolute.
  - B. In cases where gas is supplied and metered to customers at standard delivery pressure, a cubic foot of gas shall be defined to be the amount of gas, which occupies a volume of one cubic foot under the conditions existing in customer's meter, as and where installed.
  - C. In cases where gas is supplied to customers through orifice or turbine meters, or diaphragm - or rotary-type positive displacement meters, at other than standard delivery pressure, a suitable correction factor shall be applied to provide measurement under billing conditions.
  - D. Standard delivery pressure shall be four ounces above atmospheric pressure.
- 1-8 Customer - The word "Customer" as used herein shall mean any individual, partnership, association, firm, public or private corporation, or governmental agency purchasing natural gas service from the Utility. A person who requests disconnection of service at his or her current address in order to move service to his or her new address with no break in the service is an existing customer, not an applicant for new service.

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- 1-9 Customer's Installation - The term "Customer's installation" as used herein shall mean all piping, appliances, and apparatus on customer's side of the point of delivery except the Utility's meter, regulator, and other equipment owned by the Utility.
- 1-10 Dekatherm - The word "Dekatherm" (Dkt) as used herein shall mean 10 therms or 1,000,000 British Thermal Units (Btu). The word "therm" shall mean 100,000 Btu.
- 1-11 Facility - An individual meter with the exception of meters combined for the Utility's operating convenience in accordance with Rule No. 9. Customers who have had more than one meter installed for their own convenience at their own request shall be treated as a separate facility with respect to each meter.
- 1-12 Meter - The word "meter" or "meters" as used herein shall mean the complete installation, including auxiliary devices and equipment, if any, used to measure the natural gas supplied to a customer.
- 1-13 Natural Gas Line Extension - As used herein, this term shall include the installed cost of main and service pipe, extending from adequate, existing Utility facilities to the point of delivery on customer's premises.
- 1-14 Natural Gas Service - The term "natural gas service" or "service" as used herein shall mean the supplying of or availability, at the point of delivery, of natural gas, and also the natural gas delivered or used.
- 1-15 Non-Core Customer - All Customers whose annual consumption exceeds 5,000 Dkt per physical contiguous site, and who have contracted for transportation service(s) with the Utility.
- 1-16 Non-Core Service - Service to Customers who use more than 5,000 Dkt per year per physical contiguous site under Transportation Agreement(s) with the Utility.
- 1-17 Point of Delivery - The term "point of delivery" as used herein shall mean the point at which the Utility's facilities connect physically to customer's facilities, the location of which shall be designated by or satisfactory to the Utility, unless otherwise defined in the service agreement.
- 1-18 Primary Service - Primary service as used herein shall mean the service, which stands first in order of delivery and shall apply in the following order:
  - A. Business Unit delivering service to customer's delivery meter;

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- B. Firm or Interruptible service determined by the greater percentage of Customer's contracted annual volumes. Where firm and interruptible contracted annual volumes are equal, firm service shall apply.
- 1-19 Residential Dwelling Unit - The term "residential dwelling unit" as used herein shall mean any room or combination of rooms, including trailers and mobile homes, with facilities for cooking, designed for occupancy by one family.
- 1-20 Rules - Tariff sheets which set forth the application of all rates, charges and service when such applicability is not set forth in and as a part of the rate schedules.
- 1-21 Service Agreement - The term "service agreement" as used herein shall mean the agreement or contract between the Utility and the Customer pursuant to which service is supplied and taken.
- 1-22 Supply Shortage - A condition when, in the Utility's judgment, the Utility has a deficiency of gas supply available to meet its operations, contractual or sales customers' requirements.
- 1-23 Tariff Schedules - The entire body of effective rates, rentals, charges, and rules collectively, of the Utility, as set forth herein, and including title page, preliminary statement, rate schedules, rules and sample forms.
- 1-24 Tariff Sheet - An individual sheet of the Tariff Schedules.
- 1-25 Temporary Service - Service for enterprises or activities served under Rate Schedule D-RG-1 and S-GSG-1, which are temporary in character or where it is known in advance that service will be of limited duration. Service, which, in the opinion of the Utility, is for operations of a speculative character or the permanency of which has not been established, also is considered temporary service.
- 1-26 Therm - The word "Therm" as used herein shall mean 100,000 Btus. 10 therms is equivalent to one dekatherm.
- 1-27 Utility - The word "Utility" as used herein shall mean NorthWestern Energy in the course of its business of supplying natural gas-related services to sales and transportation customers in Montana.
- Note: Additional definitions pertaining to gas transportation service are contained in Rate Schedule GTC-1.