

GREAT FALLS NATURAL GAS TARIFF



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NEGOTIATED CONTRACT (NCS)

This tariff is available to Malmstrom Air Force Base, and all other existing or potential customers who can demonstrate a credible opportunity to bypass the NorthWestern Great Falls Gas, LLC ("GFG") distribution system if connected under a standard tariff. Rates under the negotiated contract tariff must be set to recover the marginal cost of service, and to recover at least 90% of the estimated cost to bypass as determined by the Commission. Negotiated contracts will specify rates paid for distribution services, transport services, and all other services. All negotiated contracts will be filed with the Commission. Upon application to change rates in a general rate case, the utility will file with its application sufficient cost of service information for the Commission to evaluate each negotiated contract customer.

Unless the customer is an off-peak interruptible customer, it is expected that each customer requesting service or expanding service under this tariff must demonstrate the amount of firm upstream capacity needed for service or the expanded service. GFG must provide written consent that such service is feasible based on its own capacity and the capacity of NorthWestern Energy.

GFG and each customer will agree on the proper MDDQ level for the customer. This agreement cannot be modified without the consent of the customer and GFG, except that once the MDDQ is established, if the customer's volume on a given day exceeds the MDDQ, then a new MDDQ will be automatically established using the new volume, unless the customer has negotiated for interruptible service during non-critical operating times. For such a customer, during critical operating times called by either Northwestern Energy or GFG, the customer must curtail to their MDDQ. If they do not curtail, a new MDDQ will be established.

A late charge of one percent (1%) per month on commercial accounts thirty days past due subject to the conditions stated in the Finding of Fact 38 in Order #5153a.

If a customer terminates service and subsequently requests renewal of service at the same address, the Company may charge the customer the monthly fixed charges not paid during the time of termination. Fixed charges can only be recovered from customers who terminate and renew service at the same address where no other customer has taken service in the interim at the address. Rates for all tariffs are based on continuing service and collection of monthly fixed charges at each service location.

