

PUGET SOUND ENERGY
RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)
RULE NO. 21: Firm Service Priority

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Section 1: When Curtailment May Occur; Liability

The company may curtail firm gas service to firm gas customers if the company's firm gas supply is insufficient at any time or location to meet in full the requirements of all customers served under firm rate schedules. No curtailment in firm gas service will be imposed by the company until all interruptible service customers in the area affected have been ordered to curtail to one hundred percent of their interruptible requirements.

The company shall not be liable in damages or otherwise to any customer for failure to deliver gas curtailed pursuant to this rule.

Section 2: Order of Firm Gas Priorities

For the purposes of applying the following priorities, residential customers are defined as customers residing in single-family dwellings, separately metered apartments, and centrally metered multiple dwellings or apartments where provision for standby fuel is impracticable. Other customer classes shall have the definitions stipulated in Rule No. 2, "Definitions."

The order of service priority is as follows:

1. Requirements of residential customers.
2. Requirements of commercial, institutional, and essential agricultural customers as follows:
 - a. Essential agricultural customers.
 - b. Customers with consumption of less than 1,000 therms per day.
 - c. Customers with consumption of 1,000 but less than 3,000 therms per day.
 - d. Customers with consumption of 3,000 but less than 10,000 therms per day.
 - e. Customers with consumption of at least 10,000 therms per day.
3. Requirements of industrial customers with less than 3,000 therms per day as follows:
 - a. Customers with consumption of less than 1,000 therms per day.
 - b. Customers with consumption of 1,000 but less than 3,000 therms per day.

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4. Requirements of industrial customers with consumption of 3,000 but less than 10,000 therms per day as follows:
 - a. Direct gas fired applications excluding gas used for boiler fuel.
 - b. Gas used as boiler fuel by customers engaged in the processing of perishable foods.
 - c. Gas used as boiler fuel excluding those customers engaged in the processing of perishable foods.
5. Requirements of industrial customers with consumption of at least 10,000 therms per day as follows:
 - a. Gas used as feedstock in a process in which natural gas is used as a raw material.
 - b. Direct gas fired applications excluding gas used as boiler fuel.
 - c. Gas used as boiler fuel by customers engaged in the processing of perishable foods.
 - d. Gas used as boiler fuel excluding those customers engaged in the processing of perishable foods.
6. Requirements of customers for the transformation of natural gas to another form of energy for ultimate distribution to consumers, or for public transportation applications, or as an alternate fuel used for standby purposes.

Section 3: Administration

The company shall have the right to inspect and review customer facilities and operating practices for the purpose of determining the customer's requirements and for the assignment of the appropriate priority or priorities to the use of such facilities.

The priorities specified herein contemplate a limitation of firm service on a seasonal or annual basis. Any seasonal or annual limitation of firm gas service required under this rule will be imposed in the reverse order of priority specified above. It will be imposed first on customers in the lowest firm service priority category at the rate of one hundred percent of each customer's requirements (except for minor requirements for essential services if approved by the company) on a customer-by-customer basis and will then proceed to customers in the next lowest priority category until sufficient volumes have been curtailed to bring remaining requirements into balance with available supply.

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NATURAL GAS RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued) (T)
RULE NO. 21: Firm Service Priority (Continued)

The Company may curtail firm service for force majeure or other limited period of approximately seven days or less without reference to the priorities listed above should such Curtailment or further Curtailment become necessary. (T)
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The Company will endeavor to give advance notice of any limitation of gas imposed under this rule as far in advance of actual Curtailment as conditions permit, but in no event less than two hours' notice unless prevented from doing so by force majeure conditions. (T)
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Section 4: Unauthorized Use Charge

- 1. The Company is entitled to collect an unauthorized use charge from any Customer receiving gas in violation of a Curtailment notice issued by the Company under this rule. The unauthorized use charge will be computed upon unauthorized quantities at the rate per therm as follows: (T)
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and will accrue in addition to the regular charges incurred under the firm rate schedule under which the Customer is normally billed. Payment of the unauthorized use charge shall not entitle the Customer to take unauthorized quantities of gas nor shall it exclude or limit any remedies the Company may have available to it to prevent such unauthorized use, including physical discontinuance of service to such Customer. The unauthorized use charge will be assessed on an hourly basis where hourly consumption data is available or on a prorated basis where hourly data is not available. (T)
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