

WAC 480-90-023 Definitions. "**Affiliated interest**" means a person or corporation as defined in RCW 80.16.010.

"**Applicant**" means any person, corporation, partnership, government agency, or other entity that applies for service with a gas utility or who reapplies for service at a new or existing location after service has been discontinued.

"**British thermal unit**" (Btu) means the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water at 60° Fahrenheit and standard pressure, one degree Fahrenheit.

"**Business day**" means Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., except for official state holidays.

"**Commission**" means the Washington utilities and transportation commission.

"**Control**" means the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a company, whether through the ownership of voting shares, by contract, or otherwise.

"**Customer**" means any person, corporation, partnership, government agency, or other entity that applied for, has been accepted for, and is currently receiving service.

"**Cubic foot of gas**" means a volumetric unit of measure used in sales and testing.

"**Sales volume**" means a cubic foot of gas for billing purposes is the amount of gas that occupies a volume of one cubic foot under the temperature and pressure conditions existing in the customer's meter. Temperature and/or pressure recording or compensating devices may be used to reflect temperature or pressure base conditions for computing the volume sold. Temperature and/or pressure compensation factors may be used to compute the volume of gas sold as provided in the utility's tariff.

"**Testing volume**" means a cubic foot of gas for testing purposes is the amount that occupies a volume of one cubic foot at a temperature of 60° Fahrenheit and pressure of 14.73 pounds per square inch absolute.

"**Gas**" means any fuel or process gas, whether liquid petroleum gas, manufactured gas, natural gas, or any mixture of these.

"**Liquefied petroleum gas**" means a gas consisting of vapors of one or more of the paraffin hydrocarbons, or a combination of one or more of these vapors with air.

"**Manufactured gas**" means any gas produced artificially by any process.

"**Natural gas**" means a mixture of gaseous hydrocarbons (chiefly methane) and nonhydrocarbons that occur naturally in the earth.

"**Subsidiary**" means any company in which the gas utility owns directly or indirectly five percent or more of the voting securities, unless the utility demonstrates it does not have control.

"**Therm**" means a unit of heat equal to 100,000 Btus.

"**Gas utility**" (utility) means any business entity (e.g., corporation, company, association, joint stock association, or partnership) or person, including a lessee, trustee, or court appointed receiver, that meets the three following conditions:

Owns, controls, operates, or manages any gas plant in Washington state;

Manufactures, transmits, distributes, sells, or furnishes gas to the public for compensation; and

Is subject to the commission's jurisdiction.

Terms used in this chapter and defined in the public service laws of Washington state (i.e., principally Title 80 RCW) have the same meaning here as in the statutes. Terms not defined in these rules or the applicable statutes have the meaning generally accepted in the gas industry, or their ordinary meaning if there is no meaning generally accepted in the gas industry.

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