

**216B.242 NATURAL GAS INVERTED RATES PROGRAM.**

The commission may initiate a program designed to demonstrate the effect of inverted rates on promoting conservation by the residential customers of natural gas utilities. Any inverted rates ordered by the commission shall present customers with a tailblock price that, to the maximum extent practicable, reflects the replacement cost of gas. Total revenues collected from customers involved in this pilot program may not exceed those that would be collected under a flat rate. The commission may order one public gas utility to implement a pilot program of inverted rates for residential customers and to monitor the effects of these rates on gas consumption, and on costs to residential customers. The program shall include a sufficient number of residential customers to provide statistically significant conclusions regarding the effects and costs of inverted rates.

**History:** 1983 c 289 s 115 subd 1; 1983 c 301 s 172; 1987 c 312 art 1 s 26 subd 2; 1993 c 163 art 1 s 27