

## DPU Exhibit 6.01 Survey of Similar Natural Gas Utilities

A survey of regulated natural gas utilities, predominately in the western United States.

Utility	Classification Type	Number of Customer Classes that Would be Included in EGU's GS Class
Atmos Energy Colorado	Unitary	1
Atmos Energy Virginia	Functional 2	3
Avista Utilities Idaho	Volumetric	2
Avista Utilities Washington	Volumetric	2
Black Hills Energy, Arkansas	Functional 2	5
Black Hills Energy, Colorado	Functional 2	4
Black Hills Energy, Wyoming	Functional 2	4
CenterPoint Energy Indiana	Functional 1	3
Colorado Natural Gas	Functional 1	3
Enbridge Gas North Carolina	Functional 1	8
Enbridge Gas Ohio	Functional 2	3
Enbridge Gas Wyoming	Volumetric	1
Intermountain Natural Gas Company	Functional 1	2
New Mexico Gas Company	Functional 2	7
Northwest Natural Gas Oregon	Functional 1	5
Northwest Natural Gas Washington	Functional 1	5
Public Service Company (Xcel Colorado Gas)	Functional 1	6
San Diego Gas and Electric	Functional 1	4
Southwest Gas Corporation, Arizona	Functional 1	9
Southwest Gas Corporation, California	Functional 1	8
Southwest Gas Corporation, Nevada	Functional 2	7

**Classification Type** refers to how an LDC classifies its customers for billing purposes.

Functional 1– customers are grouped into classes based on activity typically some variation of residential, commercial, and industrial. Non-residential tariffs can contain declining block pricing, which is a form of volumetric pricing.

Functional 2 – residential customers are their own class and all other customers that would be in EGU's GS Class are classified volumetrically.

Unitary – customers are all billed as a single group on a single schedule.

Volumetric – customers are grouped into classes based on the volume of gas they use.

**Atmos Energy Corporation:** One of the largest natural gas utilities in the US., Atmos Energy serves over 3 million customers across nine states, including parts of Colorado and Texas. Its significant scale in natural gas distribution and presence in regions with some arid characteristics make it a valuable peer for broader comparisons, despite a larger overall customer base. Atmos Energy Colorado uses a single GS Class.

**Avista Utilities:** This utility operates in eastern Washington, northern Idaho, and parts of Oregon. It serves over 400,000 natural gas customers. Its operations in Idaho, a state shared by Enbridge Gas, make it a particularly strong peer, and eastern Washington/Idaho shares a more similar climate to Utah.

**Black Hills Energy:** This company serves over 1 million gas customers across multiple states, including Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, and Wyoming. Its operations in Colorado, Montana, and Wyoming offer similar geographic and climatic conditions to Utah, and the customer base is comparable.

**CenterPoint Energy:** With natural gas utility businesses in Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota, Ohio, and Texas, CenterPoint Energy is one of the largest publicly traded natural gas distribution companies. While its primary service areas are not exclusively in the Western US, its operations in Texas can share some climatic similarities, and its large-scale natural gas distribution business makes it a relevant comparison.

**Intermountain Natural Gas Company:** This company serves 350,000 residential and industrial customers in southern Idaho. While its customer base is smaller than EGU's total, it is a very direct geographic and climatic peer due to its operations in a neighboring state.

**New Mexico Gas Company (NMG):** Serving over 530,000 natural gas customers across New Mexico, NMG offers a strong geographic and climate match to Utah, with a customer count in the same order of magnitude.

**Northwest Natural Gas:** Primarily operating in Oregon and Southwest Washington, Northwest Natural Gas serves over 790,000 customers. While the climate in parts of Oregon and Washington differs from Utah, its overall size and presence in the Western US make it a relevant peer.

**Public Service Company of Colorado (Xcel Energy - natural gas operations):** Xcel Energy provides natural gas service in Colorado, a state with similar geography and climate to Utah. Xcel Energy as a whole serves approximately 1.9 million natural gas customers across various states, with a substantial portion in Colorado.

**San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E):** Serving over 800,000 customers in Southern California, SDG&E has a customer count very close to Enbridge Gas Utah. Southern California's arid climate also aligns with parts of Utah.

**Southwest Gas Corporation:** This company operates in Arizona, Nevada, and parts of California, all of which are arid or semi-arid Western states. In 2022, it reported residential and commercial sales volumes of over 118 billion cubic feet (Mcf), placing it among the largest gas utilities in the U.S. It serves approximately 2 million customers, making it larger than EGU.