

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of

CASCADE NATURAL GAS
CORPORATION

for an accounting order authorizing deferred
accounting treatment of loss in margin due to
Company sponsored conservation programs,
or, in the alternative, the continuation of the
pilot decoupling mechanism that was
approved in Docket UG-060256

NO. UG-101656

CASCADE'S MOTION TO WITHDRAW
PETITION

1. Pursuant to WAC 480-07-380(3)(b), Cascade Natural Gas Corporation ("Cascade" or the "Company") by and through undersigned counsel, hereby moves to withdraw its petition for an accounting order in the above-referenced docket, and requests that the Commission terminate this docket.

I. STATEMENT OF FACTS

2. On October 1, 2010, Cascade filed a petition that requests an accounting order authorizing deferred accounting treatment of its lost margin resulting from Company-sponsored conservation programs (the "Petition"). The Petition alternatively requests the continuation of the pilot decoupling mechanism approved in the order accepting settlement of Cascade's most recent general rate case, Order 05, in Docket UG-060256.

3. On October 7, 2010, the Public Counsel Section of the Office of Attorney General ("Public Counsel") filed a notice of appearance in this proceeding, and on October 22, 2010, Public Counsel filed a Motion to Dismiss Cascade's Petition. Cascade and Commission Staff both filed responses to Public Counsel's Motion to Dismiss. The Commission issued a notice for a prehearing conference for December 1, 2010.

4. On November 4, 2010, the Commission issued its Report and Policy Statement on Regulatory Mechanisms, Including Decoupling, to Encourage Utilities to Meet or Exceed Their Conservation Targets in Docket U-100522 ("Policy Statement").

5. The Commission then invited parties to this proceeding to provide comments on the extent to which the Policy Statement impacts the procedural posture of this case. Cascade, Commission Staff, Public Counsel, the Northwest Energy Coalition, Northwest Industrial Gas Users, and The Energy Project filed comments.

II. BASIS FOR MOTION

6. Pursuant to WAC 480-07-380(3), when the Commission has set a matter for hearing, a party may withdraw from a proceeding only upon the Commission's permission. The Commission will grant a party's motion to withdraw from a proceeding when the party's withdrawal is in the public interest. WAC 480-07-380(3).

7. In light of the Commission's recent Policy Statement regarding conservation incentives, issued after Cascade filed its Petition, and the comments filed by the various parties, the Company requests to withdraw its Petition. As stated in Cascade's comments filed on November 18, 2010, the Company believes the Commission has the authority to grant Cascade's Petition, but the Company does not wish to pursue its Petition at this time in light of the

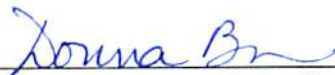
Commission's and other parties' positions regarding lost margin recovery mechanisms. Accordingly, Cascade believes it is in the public interest to authorize withdrawal of the Company's Petition before the parties incur significant expenses related to a fully adjudicated proceeding.

III. CONCLUSION

8. For the foregoing reasons, Cascade respectfully requests that the Commission authorize withdrawal of its Petition for an accounting order in this proceeding and close this docket.

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