

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WUTC v. Cascade Natural Gas Corp.  
Docket UG-170929  
Public Counsel  
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**Request No. 125**

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**PC-125 Re: Cascade Natural Gas Company's Low-income Weatherization Program**

- a. Please provide the total number of homes that received weatherization services in the Company's Washington Service territory on an annual basis from the time the program started in 2008 to the most recent numbers available
  - i. For the current year, please provide the Company's estimate for the number of homes to receive low-income weatherization services in 2018. Please also provide information on how many projects have been completed in 2018 and how many are in progress.
- b. For each home receiving low-income weatherization services, please provide the total project budget.
- c. Since the deployment of the Enhanced Weatherization Incentive Program (EWIP) in February 2017, provide the number of projects that hit the \$10,000 payment cap.
  - i. For each of the instances above, please specify whether any work was done or if the project estimates were too high to begin measure installation.
  - ii. For projects that equaled or exceeded the \$10,000 project cap, please provide a narrative explanation as to why the cap was hit and why (if applicable) work was incomplete or never commenced.

**Response:**

Below is the Company's response to the submitted questions:

- a. The Company submits the following table demonstrating the number of homes that have been served through the Company's Low Income Weatherization Incentive Program (LI-WIP) authorized through its Tariff 301. The Company does

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not track the total number of homes that have received weatherization services in the Company's Washington Service territory.

Number of Homes Served by Cascade's LI-WIP by Year	
<b>2008</b>	46
<b>2009</b>	55
<b>2010</b>	112
<b>2011</b>	84
<b>2012</b>	64
<b>2013</b>	38
<b>2014</b>	21
<b>2015</b>	19
<b>2016</b>	24
<b>2017</b>	29

- i. Cascade reached out to each agency as part of its MOU process to receive an estimated number of homes that would be served through E-WIP in 2018. In total, of the agencies that signed the MOU, twenty-six homes were anticipated to receive weatherization services through our program, although the Company is able and willing to provide funds for homes served beyond this number.
  - ii. To date, six homes have received weatherization services through the WIP in 2018, with another three projects under review.
- b. With the exception of anticipated costs under the TREAT audit mechanism (which is only submitted when an agency does not use the Commerce Priority List) Cascade does not receive the total budget for each home receiving low-income weatherization services through the WIP. However, the total installed cost for the tariff-eligible measures associated with each of the six projects processed to date for 2018 have been listed below:

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	Total Installed Cost of Tariff Eligible Measures	Total Payout with Audit and Inspection Payment
Project 1	\$6,043.54	\$6,893.54
Project 2	\$2,799.29	\$3,649.29
Project 3	\$4,867.92	\$5,575.74
Project 4	\$5,502.96	\$6,352.96
Project 5	\$3,686.00	\$4,536.00
Project 6	\$4,906.74	\$5,756.74

Please note that final numbers are preliminary and are subject to true-up during our annual reporting period. Additionally, it is important to note that the total cost of a project may exceed the amounts listed here if a non-tariff-approved measure (such as an electric measure) is installed as part of an agency's weatherization project.

- c. Since the deployment of the Enhanced Weatherization Incentive Program (EWIP) in February 2017, seven projects have reached \$10,000, and the associated cap. Of the seven projects, two came in at exactly \$10k. One came in at \$10k and one penny. The other four projects came in at \$19,907.97; \$13,486.09; \$10,325.53; and \$10,237.09.
  - i. All seven projects that reached or exceeded the cap were submitted for payment, and received a rebate of \$10,000. Cascade is unaware of any projects that have not commenced as a result of the cap.
  - ii. Cascade has paid on all eligible projects submitted under the tariff, and to date, Cascade has not rejected any projects, nor have any projects been withdrawn, due to the \$10,000 cap. The Company is unable to answer for the agencies as to why some projects exceed the \$10k cap, although it is likely that project costs are due to the associated cost of labor and repairs necessary to install the rebate-eligible measures.