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*Cascade Natural Gas Corporation*  
**Bench Request**  
**UG-200568**

**Bench Request No. 6**

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Provide Cascade's current written plan for completing a load study. For the purposes of this Bench Request, a written plan includes target date(s) for the completion of required tasks and identifies responsible decisionmakers.

If Cascade does not currently have a written plan, provide any planning documents and budget proposals related to the Company's load study efforts. This includes planning documents and budget proposals indicating the following:

a) Final Encoder Receiver Transmitter installation will be complete by June 2021. *See Kivisto, Exh. NAK-2T at 19:7.*

b) The Company anticipates completing the bulk of the fixed network installation by December 31, 2022. *See Kivisto, Exh. NAK-2T at 23:10-13.*

**Response:**

There is currently no formal written plan for completing a load study, but Cascade has prepared a Fixed Network and Load Study Overview to summarize the Company's efforts to date and plans for future work on these issues, which is included as: BR-6 Fixed Network – Load Study Overview; BR-6 Appendix 1a; BR-6 Appendix 1b; BR-6 Appendix 2 (R) and (C); and BR-6 Appendix 3. Specifically, this document and related appendices describe:

- The history and regulatory context for the Company's commitment to prepare and file a load study;
- The equipment and processes needed to collect data for a load study;
- The installation of equipment the Company has completed to date;

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- The need for and plans to retain additional full-time employees and contractor support for the fixed network installation;
- The Company's plans to analyze the data collected to date; and
- The timing for completing a load study.

The target date for completion of the fixed network is December 31, 2022, and Cascade expects to complete the load study in the first year after obtaining adequate data from its fixed network system. The key decision-makers for the fixed network installation include Nicole Kivisto and Patrick Darras, and the key decision-maker for the analysis of the data are Scott Madison and Mark Sellers-Vaughn.

The Company is also providing the following additional documentation in support of the installation of the fixed network and encoder receiver transmitter equipment: BR-6 Subsidiary Board Mtg 2021\_2025 (R) and (C); and BR-6 CNG 2021\_22 Approved Budget (R) and (C).