

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET NO. UG-050365
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CASCADE NATURAL GAS)	ORDER NO. 01
CORPORATION,)	
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	
For Authorization to Sell the former)	
Yakima Business Office Building and)	ORDER AUTHORIZING SALE OF
Land.)	PROPERTY
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 On March 11, 2005, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, (CNG or Company) filed a petition seeking an Order under WAC 480-143-120 requesting authorization to sell its former Yakima business office building and land. The Yakima business office is no longer “used and useful” as a direct result of CNG’s efforts to consolidate the office building into a warehouse facility also in Yakima. The gain associated with the sale will be booked to the accumulated depreciation account for buildings.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 2 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies, including natural gas companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 80.04 RCW and Chapter 80.28 RCW.*
- 3 (2) CNG is a natural gas company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

- 4 (3) WAC 480-143-120 requires companies to file a petition including that for which CNG seeks approval.
- 5 (4) Staff has reviewed the petition in Docket UE-050365 including related work papers. Staff believes the proposed sale of property request by CNG is reasonable and should be approved.
- 6 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 13, 2005.
- 7 (6) After examination of the petition filed in Docket UE-050365 by CNG on March 11, 2005, and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds that the Petition filed should be approved.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 8 (1) Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's request to sell its former Yakima office building and property is approved.
- 9 (2) The Company will include the gain associated with the sale in the accumulated depreciation account for buildings.
- 10 (3) This Order shall in no way affect the authority of this Commission over rates, services, accounts, evaluations, estimates, or determination of costs on any matters whatsoever that may come before it, nor shall anything herein be construed as an acquiescence in any estimate or determination of costs claimed or asserted.

- 11 (4) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 13th day of April, 2005.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary