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Mr. Steven V. King, Executive Director & Secretary Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

# **RE:** Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's 2016 Integrated Resource Plan Draft of Table of Contents (UG-160453, WAC 480-90-238)

Dear Mr. King:

As requested by WUTC Staff ("Staff") via an email received August 24, 2016, enclosed for filing is Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's ("Cascade") draft Table of Contents for its 2016 Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP" or "Plan"). This document provides an outline of the relevant discussion topics for the Plan, taking into consideration WUTC IRP guidelines and feedback Cascade has received via the public Technical Advisory Group process.

Please note this draft Table of Contents is subject to further modification prior to the filing of Cascade's Draft 2016 IRP, which is currently scheduled to be filed with the Commission on or before October 17, 2016.

If you have any questions regarding the IRP please contact me at (509) 734-4589 (email at <u>mark.sellers-vaughn@cngc.com</u> or at <u>irp@cngc.com</u>).

Sincerely, CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION

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Enclosures

# CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION 2016 INTERGRATED RESOURCE PLAN (UG-160453) TABLE OF CONTENTS (PLEASE NOTE—THIS A DRAFT DOCUMENT AND SUBJECT TO MODIFICAITON)

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## **Disclaimer**

## Section 1 – Executive Summary

Purpose IRP Process and stakeholder involvement Responding to the 2014 IRP issues Narrative of highlights from each section Table of two-year action items

## Section 2 – Company Overview

- Number of customers, areas served, differences in climate and customer density and geo spread
- Therms served, etc.
- Pipelines and basin locations
- Core v. noncore and emphasis on core (bundled vs unbundled)
- Company ORGANIZATION (re district offices, gas supply, headquarters, etc.)

## Section 3 – Demand Forecasting

- Overview
- Demand Areas
- Weather Forecast
- Sensitivity Analysis
- Methodology
  - o Annual growth
  - Use per customer
  - o Peak Day
- Results
- Uncertainties
- Conclusions

## Section 4 – Supply-Side Resources

- Overview
- Gas supply resource
- Storage resources
- Capacity resources
- Natural gas price forecast
- Incremental supply-side resource options
- Supply side uncertainties
- Financial derivatives
- Portfolio purchasing strategy
- Conclusions

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## Section 5 – Environmental Considerations

- Overview
- Context
  - o National focus
  - o Regional focus
  - o Washington
  - Oregon (even for the Washington IRP)
- Types of CO2 Adders
- Fugitive Methane Emissions
- Current Efforts by Cascade re Greenhouse Gas Reduction
- Proposed Direction

## Section 6 – Avoided Costs

- Overview
- Costs incorporated
- Application
- Results

## Section 7 – Demand Side Management

- OVERVIEW
- Conservation Plan and CPA and methodology and that all DSM options were reviewed
- Conservation Advisory Group
- Application of avoided cost
- Cost-effectiveness tests (e.g., utility cost test)
- Direct Use

## Section 8 – Resource Integration

- OVERVIEW
- Planning and modeling
- Tools used
- Key inputs
- Stochastic analyses
- Stochastic results
- Scenarios
- Price elasticity
- Incorporation of carbon adder
- Alternative forecasting methodologies: scenario planning
- Unserved demand
- Consideration of future modeling modification
- Results and findings

## Section 9 – Distribution System Planning

OVERVIEW

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- Distribution system methodology/approach/modeling
- Engineering modeling by town
- Significant planning projects
- Enhancement of modeling/engineering
- Work done since last IRP
- Key findings

## Section 10 – Stakeholder Engagement

<Agenda and minutes to be included in appendices>

- Approach to meetings and workshops
- List of stakeholders
- Number and dates of TAG meetings
- Opportunity for public participation

## Section 11 – Regulatory Compliance

- Approach to regulations, policies, and stakeholder comments
- Short history about compressed time schedule
- Resources provided and commitment throughout company
- IRP guidelines
- Compliance matrices
- Statement this fully complies with all regulations, orders, and comments

## Section12 – Two year Action Plan

<...each subsection by topic...>

## Section 13 – Glossary and Miscellaneous References

Glossary Citygate/Zone Cross reference Additional Pipeline System Maps

## **Appendices**

- Appendix A IRP Process and Guideline Compliance
- Appendix B Demand Forecast Appendices
- Appendix C Distribution System Analysis
- Appendix D Conservation Measures Technical Potential
- Appendix E Current and Alternative Supply Resources
- Appendix F Capacity Requirements & Peak Day Planning
- Appendix G Weather & Price Uncertainty Analyses
- Appendix H Avoided Cost Calculations
- Appendix I Prior 2-Year Action Plan Update
- Appendix J -- Stakeholder Engagement