

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Request of

CASCADE NATURAL GAS
CORPORATION,

Petitioner,

For Less Than Statutory Notice in
Connection with Tariff Revisions

DOCKET UG-180115

ORDER 01

ORDER GRANTING LESS THAN
STATUTORY NOTICE; ALLOWING
TARIFF REVISIONS TO BECOME
EFFECTIVE

BACKGROUND

- 1 On February 8, 2018, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-3, designated as the Seventy-Seventh Revision of Sheet No. 500 and the Third Revision of Sheet No. 500-B to correct two typographical errors: the Grandview tax rate and the West Richland tax rate.
- 2 RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121 require 30 days’ notice to the Commission prior to the effective date of any tariff. The tariff sheets bear an effective date of March 10, 2018, which recognizes the required 30-day statutory notice. The Company requests, however, that the revisions become effective on March 1, 2018, with less than statutory notice as authorized for good cause by WAC 480-80-122. Cascade requests less than statutory notice so the Company can continue to bill and remit the appropriate tax amount as approved by these cities’ ordinances.
- 3 WAC 480-90-194 requires notice to customers or publication of the increase sought in this filing. Granting Cascade less than statutory notice request also requires an exemption from WAC 480-90-194. For the same reason Cascade identified for seeking less than statutory notice, the Company seeks an exemption from the customer notice requirements.
- 4 Staff has reviewed the revisions to the Company’s Tariff WN U-01, designated as the Seventy-Seventh Revision of Sheet No. 500 and the Third Revision of Sheet No. 500-B, and, after corroborating the edits with the applicable municipal codes, agrees that they correct typographical errors.

DISCUSSION

5 We grant the Company's request for an exemption from the notice requirements set out in
WAC 480-90-194 and will allow the proposed tariff revisions to become effective with
less than statutory notice pursuant to WAC 480-80-122. Because the proposed tariff
revisions correct only typographical errors, we find good cause exists to grant the
requested exemption. For that same reason, we find that allowing the changes to take
effect with less than statutory notice is consistent with the public interest. Accordingly,
we grant Cascade's request and allow its revised tariff pages to become effective on
March 1, 2018.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 6 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with
the authority to regulate the rates, regulations, practices, accounts, securities,
transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies,
including gas companies.
- 7 (2) Cascade is a gas company and a public service company subject to Commission
jurisdiction.
- 8 (3) Cascade is subject to RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121, which require gas
companies to file changes in any rate or charges with 30 days' notice. For good
cause shown, however, the Commission may allow changes without requiring 30
days' notice by order specifying the changes to be made and the time when it
shall take effect. RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-122.
- 9 (4) Staff has reviewed Cascade's request in Docket UG-180115 and recommends the
Commission grant the Company's request for less than statutory notice. Staff
further recommends the Commission grant an exemption from WAC 480-90-194,
which requires a 30-day notice to customers of proposed changes to increase
charges or restrict access in service.
- 10 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on
February 28, 2018.
- 11 (6) After reviewing Cascade's proposed tariff revisions filed on February 8, 2018, and
giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the
Commission finds the proposed tariff revisions should become effective March 1,
2018.

- 12 (7) The Commission also finds Cascade should be granted an exemption from the customer notice requirements in WAC 480-90-194.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 13 (1) Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's request for less than statutory notice is granted.
- 14 (2) Cascade Natural Gas Corporation is granted an exemption from WAC 480-90-194, which requires a 30-day notice to customers of proposed changes to increase charges or restrict access in service.
- 15 (3) The tariff revisions Cascade Natural Gas Corporation filed on February 8, 2018, will be effective on March 1, 2018.

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 February 28, 2018.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary