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**Re: UG-210723 Washington Energy Assistance Fund (WEAF) Program True-Up & Tariff Revisions – Supplemental Filing**

**INTRODUCTION**

On September 17, 2021, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade or the Company) filed the following revisions to its Tariff, WN U-3, stated to become effective with service on and after November 1, 2021:

- **Third Revision Sheet No. 593 Canceling Second Revision Sheet No. 593**
- **Third Revision of Sheet No. 303-A Canceling Second Revision of Sheet No. 303-A**

The previously filed cover letter contained an error in which the term “bill decrease”, referring to the residential monthly impact of the aforementioned tariff revisions, should have been stated correctly as “bill increase”. The Company now provides this cover letter to replace the previous version in its entirety. No changes have been made to the previously filed tariffs and workpapers.

**SCHEDULE 593 - WEAFF FUND PROGRAM COST RECOVERY**

The purpose of the revisions to the Company’s Schedule 593, Washington Energy Assistance Fund (WEAF) Program Cost Recovery, is to true-up the rates thereby collecting the budgeted amount for the 2021-2022 program year. Included in this filing are Attachments A, B and C. Attachment A shows program revenues and expenditures for the program year including projected revenues and expenses for the final month of the program year. Attachment B shows how the changes to the Schedule 593 surcharges are derived. Attachment C presents the proposed WEAFF rate changes and revenue impacts by rate schedule.

Schedule 593 is herewith revised to collect \$1,327,160 which, in addition to fund balance carryover funding, should provide \$1,467,400 for the 2021-2022 program year. There is also a “soft cap” budget limit up to \$1,531,200. These budget provisions were authorized per Order No. 05 in Docket No UG-200568, in which the Commission allowed for the continuation of 2020-2021 program operations and spending levels into the foreseeable future.

The changes proposed herein to Schedule 593 will result in an annual revenue increase of approximately \$396,776 or an increase in annual revenue of 0.151%. The average residential customer using 56 therms per month will see a bill increase of about \$0.08 per month, an increase of 0.140%. The average

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commercial customer using 290 therms per month will see a bill increase of approximately \$0.33 per month, an increase of 0.126%.

Below is a table of the proposed changes to Schedule 593 by customer rate schedule:

<b>Service</b>	<b>Sch. No.</b>	<b>Rate Change</b>	<b>Proposed Rate Per Therm</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
Residential	<b>503</b>	0.00142	\$0.00475	0.140%
Commercial	<b>504</b>	0.00115	\$0.00384	0.126%
Industrial	<b>505</b>	0.00071	\$0.00238	0.095%
Industrial Lg Vol	<b>511</b>	0.00060	\$0.00201	0.086%
Interruptible	<b>570</b>	0.00021	\$0.00071	0.034%
Transportation	<b>663</b>	0.00013	\$0.00043	0.402%

The Company's WEAFA Advisory Group was consulted about the 2021-2022 program budget during an advisory group meeting held on June 22, 2021. WEAFA budget updates are distributed to all advisory members monthly via electronic mail.

#### **SCHEDULE 303-A - WEAFA PROGRAM TARIFF REVISIONS**

The changes herein to the Company's Sheet No. 303-A revises the program costs section to clarify that the amounts presented are authorized WEAFA budget amounts. The budget level was authorized per Order No. 05 in Docket No UG-200568, the Company's last general rate case. In that order the Commission approved the continuance of the Company's 2020-2021 budget level and operation.

This filing submitted electronically includes the following files:

NEW CNGC Advice No. W21-09-05, CLtr, 09.17.21.pdf  
 NEW CNGC Advice No. W21-09-05, Attch A, 09.17.21.xlsx  
 NEW CNGC Advice No. W21-09-05, Attch B, 09.17.21.xlsx  
 NEW CNGC Advice No. W21-09-05, Attch C, 09.17.21.xlsx  
 NEW CNGC Advice No. W21-09-05, Sch 303-A, 09.17.21.pdf  
 NEW CNGC Advice No. W21-09-05, Sch 303-A Leg, 09.17.21.pdf  
 NEW CNGC Advice No. W21-09-05, Sch 593, 09.17.21.pdf  
 NEW CNGC Advice No. W21-09-05, Sch 593 Leg, 09.17.21.pdf

If you have any questions, please contact me at (208) 377-6015.

Sincerely,

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