Service Date: August 28, 2025

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-250624

ORDER 01

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

BACKGROUND

- On August 20, 2025, 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 Sixtieth Revision of Sheet No. 500-A to revise Schedule 500, Municipal Taxes, so that the City of Lynden charged and the applicable limitations are consistent with the terms and conditions adopted by the City of Lynden on July 21, 2025, in Ordinance No. 25-1714.
- In accordance with WAC 480-80-122, Cascade is requesting a waiver from WAC 480-80-121(1), which requires that "the commission must receive tariff changes not less than thirty days in advance of the requested effective date" in order that the changes may become effective September 1, 2025, which is the effective date of the tax change.
- 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.
- Commission staff (Staff) has reviewed the revisions to the Company's Tariff WN U-03, designated as the Sixtieth Revision of Sheet No. 500-A to revise Schedule 500, Municipal Taxes.

DISCUSSION

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.

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-250624 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.
- This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 28, 2025.
- 11 (6) After reviewing Cascade's proposed tariff revisions filed on August 20, 2025, and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds the proposed tariff revisions should become effective September 1, 2025.
- 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:

- (1) Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's request for less than statutory notice is granted.
- 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 August 20, 2025, will be effective on September 1, 2025.
- The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective August 28, 2025.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFF KILLIP
Executive Director and Secretary