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Mark Johnson
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Re: *Washington Utilities & Transp. Comm'n v. Cascade Natural Gas Corp.*
Docket UG-170929

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On July 20, 2018, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 06 Final Order Rejecting Tariff Sheets; Resolving Contested Issue; Approving and Adopting Settlement Agreement; and Authorizing and Requiring Compliance Filing (Order 06) in the above-referenced docket. Order 06, among other things, required Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade, or the Company) to file a status report with the Commission in this docket regarding the Company's Washington Energy Assistance Fund (WEAF) program by August 15, 2018.¹ The status report is intended to update the Commission about the Low-Income Energy Assistance Advisory Group's decision to address the issues of over-subsidization and benefit calculation uniformity.

On August 13, 2018, Cascade filed with the Commission its WEAF status report in compliance with Order 06 and the Joint Partial Settlement Agreement. The Company's Report explained the Low-Income Energy Assistance Advisory Group's unanimous agreement to implement a uniform WEAF benefit matrix for Cascade WEAF recipients, starting October 1, 2018, using the percentage of bill approach.

Commission Staff (Staff) reviewed the Company's compliance filing, dated August 13, 2018,

¹ *Wash. Utils. & Transp. Comm'n v. Cascade Natural Gas Corp.*, Docket UG-170929, Appendix A to Order 06 - Partial Joint Settlement Agreement at 13, ¶ 35 (Jul. 20, 2018).

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and thinks it contains sufficient detail with respect to WEAF status update. Therefore, Staff believes that the filing complies with the Commission's Order 06.

Sincerely,

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