

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In Re the Petition of)	
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CASCADE NATURAL GAS)	
CORPORATION)	DOCKET NO. UG-950326
)	
For an Order Determining the)	
Ratemaking Treatment of)	
Certain Special Contracts)	
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WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
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Complainant,)	DOCKET NO. UG-951415
)	
v.)	
)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER SUSPENDING
CASCADE NATURAL GAS)	TARIFF REVISIONS; ORDER
CORPORATION,)	INSTITUTING INVESTIGATION;
)	AND, ORDER OF CONSOLIDATION
Respondent.)	
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On March 15, 1995, in Docket No. UG-950326, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade or company) filed with the Commission a petition for a Commission order determining the appropriate ratemaking treatment of certain special contracts. Cascade previously has executed contracts for natural gas service with Longview Fibre Company, March Point Cogeneration Company, Encogen Northwest L.P., Tenaska Gas Company, and B.P. Exploration & Oil, Inc.

On December 11, 1995, in Docket No. UG-951415, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation filed with the Commission, under its Advice No. CNG/W95-12-01, revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-3 designated as:

- Twenty-Ninth Revision Sheet No. 2, Cancelling Twenty-Eighth Revision Sheet No. 2;
- Fourth Revision Sheet No. 6, Cancelling Third Revision Sheet No. 6;
- Fifth Revision Sheet No. 9, Cancelling Fourth Revision Sheet No. 9;
- Thirty-Seventh Revision Sheet No. 501, Cancelling Thirty-Sixth Revision Sheet No. 501 and Thirty-Third Revision Sheet No. 503;
- Nineteenth Revision Sheet No. 504, Cancelling Eighteenth Revision Sheet No. 504;
- Eighteenth Revision Sheet No. 505, Cancelling Seventeenth Revision Sheet No. 505;
- Thirty-Fourth Revision Sheet No. 511, Cancelling Thirty-Third Revision Sheet No. 511;

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. The operation of the tariff revisions filed December 11, 1995, in Docket No. UG-951415, is suspended pending hearing and Commission decision.

2. During the suspension period, no change or alteration shall be made in the tariffs which are the subject of the proposed revisions, except upon petition to the Commission and authorization by order of the Commission.

3. One or more hearings concerning whether the proposed tariff revisions are just and reasonable may be held at times and places designated by prior Commission notice.

4. An investigation of the books, accounts, practices, and activities of the company, and a valuation and appraisal of the company's property and operations shall be conducted.

5. The company shall pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to the investigation, valuation, and appraisal, to the extent that requiring such payment is consistent with the provisions of chapter 80.20 RCW.


6. The company shall provide the statement required by WAC 480-80-125 to all affected Cascade Natural Gas Corporation customers in the form and manner specified in the rule.

7. The above captioned and docketed proceedings are consolidated for purposes of hearing and decision; the Commission reserves the right to sever these proceedings, and to issue separate orders in each proceeding as it deems appropriate.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 27th day of December 1995.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION


RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner


WILLIAM R. GILLIS, Commissioner