

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET NO. UG-030693
TRANSPORTATION)	
COMMISSION,)	ORDER NO. 02
)	
Complainant,)	ORDER EFFECTING
)	WITHDRAWAL OF TARIFF
CASCADE NATURAL GAS)	REVISIONS AND DISMISSING
CORPORATION,)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
)	SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISIONS
Respondent.)	
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On May 23, 2003, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation ("Cascade" or Company) filed with the Commission revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-3, designated as Substitute First Revision Sheet No. 700. The Company filed the revisions in order to recover increases in labor costs and insurance purchased to cover liabilities resulting from providing services listed under Schedule 700. The stated effective date was June 15, 2003.

- 2 The filing would increase charges and rates for service provided by Cascade. Because those increases might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public and Cascade had not demonstrated that such increases would result in rates that are fair, just, and reasonable, the Commission on June 11, 2003 entered a Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions.

- 3 On August 7, 2003, Cascade filed a letter with the Commission requesting to withdraw the tariff revisions filed in this docket.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfer of public service companies, including gas companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 80.04 RCW; and Chapter 80.28 RCW.*
- 5 (2) Cascade is a gas company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 6 (3) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 27, 2003.
- 7 (4) The tariff revisions filed by Cascade on May 23, 2003, would increase charges and rates for service provided by Cascade, and might injuriously affect the rights and interest of the public.
- 8 (5) The Commission concludes that it should grant Cascade's request to withdraw its tariff filing suspended by Commission Order NO. 01 dated June 11, 2003.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 9 (1) Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's request to withdraw the proposed tariff it filed with the Commission on August 7, 2003, is granted.
- 10 (2) The Commission dismisses the Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions in this Docket dated June 11, 2003.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 27th day of August, 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner