

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

In the Matter of the Petition of

CASCADE NATURAL GAS COMPANY

For a Waiver from WAC 480-07-505 – General  
Rate Proceedings

Docket No. UG-15\_\_\_\_\_

PETITION OF CASCADE NATURAL GAS  
CORPORATION FOR A MOTION FOR  
WAIVER

**INTRODUCTION**

Cascade Natural Gas Company (“Cascade” or “Company”) concurrently submits Advice No. CNG/W15-06-01, which seeks to increase base rates by 1.59%. This request results in an overall increase to customer rates of 1.59%. For the purposes of this advice filing, Cascade requests the Commission use the authority granted in WAC 480-070-110(1) to issue the Company a one-time waiver from WAC 480-07-505(1)(c), which absent the waiver would cause this filing to be treated as a general rate proceeding. The Company contends that the changes requested in Advice No. CNG/W15-06-01 are not significant enough to necessitate a general rate case proceeding.

**DISCUSSION**

The Company concurrently files Advice No. CNG/W15-06-01 which uses the Commission Basis Report refiled in UG-150668 to update its collection of costs. This advice filing is not changing the allocation of costs between customer classes but is seeking to recover an additional \$3,943,665 of annual gross revenue that will be collected on an equal percent of margin basis resulting in an overall increase of rates of 1.70% for residential, 1.61% for commercial, 1.26% for industrial customers, and 6.28% for transportation customers.

Cascade requests a waiver from WAC 480-07-505(1)(c) which defines a general rate case proceeding as a filing where “the company requests a change in its authorized rate of return on common equity or a change in its capital structure”. In Advice No. CNG/W15-06-01, the Company is requesting a rate of return of 7.5%, but, again, this filing is not changing the

allocation of costs between customer classes and it is not addressing any new or controversial issues. Instead, this advice filing is a straightforward request for cost recovery based on the Commission Basis Report filed annually and reviewed by the Commission in UG-150668.

### CONCLUSION

For the reasons provided herein, the Company requests that the Commission use the authority granted in WAC 480-070-110(1) to issue the Company a one-time waiver from WAC 480-07-505(1)(c) limited to its cost recovery filing submitted as Advice No. CNG/W15-06-01.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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