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September 30, 2021

Amanda Maxwell
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Docket UG-21 , Cascade Natural Gas General Rate Case, Advice No. W21-09-06

Dear Ms. Maxwell,

## **Purpose of Filing**

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation ("Cascade" or "Company") herewith submits the attached rate case filing wherein the Company seeks Commission authorization to increase its rates and charges for natural gas services to its customers in the State of Washington. The Company is proposing an overall increase of 5.12% in revenue or \$13,725,286 for natural gas service.

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-510, the Company submits an electronic form and five (5) paper copies of the prefiled direct testimony and exhibits supporting this general rate case filing, as well as the other material required by WAC 480-7-510 as described herein. All documents have been electronically filed consistent with the requirements in WAC 480-07-140.

An overview of the topics covered by each of the Company's witnesses is provided in the prefiled Direct Testimony of Nicole A. Kivisto, Exh. NAK-1T, submitted herewith. Cascade is serving a complete copy of all documentation on the Public Counsel Unit of the Attorney General's Office ("Public Counsel"). In addition, pursuant to WAC 480-07-510(5), the Summary Document has been served to Public Counsel and all intervenors on the Commission's master service list of the Company' most recent general rate case, as listed on the Certificate of Service attached to this letter.

In accordance with WAC 480-07-510(4)(a), electronic copies of supporting workpapers will be provided to Commission Staff and Public Counsel within five business days of the date of this filing.

Please note that the Company has also simultaneously filed:

- 1. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's Motion for Standard Protective Order, and
- 2. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's Petition for Exemption from WAC 480-07-510(6).

### **Proposed Revised Tariff Sheets**

Pursuant to RCW 80.28.060, WAC 480-80-101, and WAC 480-80-105, Cascade hereby submits the following revisions to Cascade's Tariff, WN U-3, with issue dates of September 30, 2021, stated to become effective on and after November 1, 2021:

Ninth Revision	Sheet No.25	Decoupling Mechanism
Sixty-Fifth Revision	Sheet No. 503	Residential Service Rate
Forty-Ninth Revision	Sheet No. 504	General Commercial Service Rate
Forty-Eighth Revision	Sheet No. 505	General Industrial Service Rate
Sixty-Sixth Revision	Sheet No. 511	Large Volume General Service Rate
Sixtieth Revision	Sheet No. 570	Interruptible Service
Tenth Revision	Sheet No. 663-A	Distribution System Transportation
		Service

# **Public Notice**

The Company will post the proposed changes to its tariff on its website: <a href="www.cngc.com">www.cngc.com</a>, pursuant to WAC 480-90-193(1). Cascade will also provide notice of public hearing pursuant to WAC 480-90-197.

Pursuant to WAC 480-90-194, Cascade agrees to suspension of the proposed tariff filings and thus is not required to publish notice coincident with the date of this transmittal letter and filing. The Company agrees to waive suspension hearing and requests that the Commission immediately issue an order suspending these proposed changes for investigation and schedule a pre-hearing conference as soon as possible.

# **Confidential Information**

Cascade has designated portions of the exhibits of Tammy J. Nygard and James K. Kaiser as Confidential per WAC 480-07-160. The information has been marked pursuant to WAC 480-07-160(5)(c). The information includes commercially sensitive information regarding confidential and proprietary employee data and salary information, proprietary trade publications, and non-public financial information. In addition to Company-specific information, the information contains confidential and proprietary information from third parties who might be directly affected by the disclosure of the confidential information. These third parties are Pearl Meyer and Empsight International, LLC.

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-160(5)(a), the Company is submitting a Claim of Confidentiality regarding the submission of the above-referenced material.

### **Company Representatives**

Service of documents pertaining to this filing should be directed to the following Cascade Natural Gas Corporation representatives:

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We look forward to working with the Commission, Commission Staff, Public Counsel, our customers, and other interested parties on this matter.

Questions regarding this filing should be directed to Lori Blattner at (208) 377-6015.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lori Blattner

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#### Attachments:

- Attachment A Proposed tariffs
- Attachment B Proposed tariffs in legislative format
- Attachment C Summary Document
- Attachment D Index of Testimony, Exhibits, and Workpapers
- Attachment E List of Files included in the electronic submission
- Attachment F Rate Case Compliance Matrix
- Attachment G Financial Documents pursuant to WAC 480-07-510(7)
- Attachment H Summary Document Certificate of Service
- Attachment I Affiliated Interest Transactions pursuant to WAC 480-07-510(3)(g)
- Attachment J Claim of Confidentiality