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CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION

Docket No. UG-951064

1995 BOISE CASCADE SPECIAL CONTRACT

Request #3

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RE: Economic Factors Associated with Boise Cascade's Plant

Please provide a discussion of the likelihood that Boise Cascade's plant would continue to operate for two to four additional years. In addition, please provide the following:

- A. Please provide an explanation of the commodities that Boise Cascade produces at this plant.
- B. Please provide a discussion of the general economic situation of the markets that Boise Cascade serves with those products, and expected trends in those markets.
- C. Please include any information concerning the condition of the resource base Boise Cascade's plant draws raw materials from, such as remaining resource base, depletion rates, etc., if such information is available.

Response:

Cascade is unaware of any plans that Boise Cascade may have regarding the shutdown of their Wallula, Washington Mill within the next four years.

- A) Boise Cascade produces market pulp which is sold throughout the world.
- B) Customer demand for market pulp, like paper, is tied to both domestic and world economies and is cyclic. Currently, demand for market pulp is increasing.
- C) Cascade has not information regarding this request.

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