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## **VIA EMAIL and FCM**

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Re:

Cost Management Services, Inc., v. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation

Docket No. UG-061256

## Dear Larry:

As you know, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission recently ordered Cascade to file its tariff schedules and contracts for gas supply services to non-core customers, including contracts for out-of-territory gas sales. My client was not served with copies of any such filing, hence, this request.

On February 12, 2007, Cascade "filed" proposed tariff changes that have subsequently been assigned Docket No. UG-070332 by the Commission. Apparently, included with Cascade's filing letter was a sealed envelope marked "Confidential Per Protective Order in WUTC Docket UG-061256." The sealed envelope purportedly contains copies of some or all Cascade's private gas contracts to non-core customers. After making inquiries of the Commission staff, I discovered Cascade's filing on Friday while perusing the Commission's website.

CMS believes that Cascade has not complied with the Commission's order regarding the formal filing of its contracts. See, e.g., paragraph 57 of the Commission's order of January 12, 2007. Moreover, CMS believes that Cascade has improperly designated the contracts as confidential pursuant to the Protective Order. I plan to raise this issue at the prehearing conference scheduled for March 1, 2007.

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Regardless of whether the confidential designation is appropriate, however, CMS requests to see the contracts pursuant paragraphs 8—10 of the Protective Order. I am a signatory to the "Agreement Concerning Confidential Information" in Docket No. UG-061256. Please provide the contracts at your earliest possible convenience and in no case later that Wednesday morning, February 28. I will be happy to have someone pick them up at your office.

Additionally, I would like to know Cascade's intentions with regard to filing its private gas supply contracts – both those already executed and any that Cascade may choose to execute in the future. May I please have Cascade's immediate answers to the following two questions:

First, does Cascade intend to file its private gas supply contracts formally in accordance with Commission regulations or merely to submit them in sealed envelopes?

Second, does Cascade intend to file or submit to the Commission any private gas supply contract(s) it may execute in the future?

Answers to these questions would also be appreciated prior to the prehearing conference where I intend to raise them. If my request creates any questions for you, please contact me at your earliest convenience for clarification.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

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