

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

In re Commission Investigation of the Gas  
Pipeline System of Cascade Natural Gas  
Corporation

DOCKET PG-060217

ORDER O1

ORDER ACCEPTING  
AGREEMENT AND CLOSING  
INVESTIGATION

- 1* This docket involves an inspection by the Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) of the natural gas pipeline system owned and operated by Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade) in its Aberdeen District. The Commission Staff conducted the inspection. As a result of the inspection, Commission Staff believes an appropriate way to address certain issues in this docket is through an agreement under which Cascade agrees to take specific steps to improve its system and practices.
- 2* On June 20, 2007, the Commission Staff and Cascade filed an Agreement consisting of two documents: a “Stipulated Agreement to Close Docket;” and Appendix A (“Non-Compliance Report” (June 1, 2006)).
- 3* The Agreement states it is not effective until approved by the Commission. According to the Agreement, its effective date is the date the Commission approves it.
- 4* The Commission has reviewed the Agreement and has determined it provides an appropriate basis for concluding this docket, and it is consistent with the public interest. Therefore, the Commission approves the Agreement, and closes the investigation.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 5* (1) Cascade Natural Gas Corporation operates a gas pipeline distribution system serving the public.
- 6* (2) The Commission Staff conducted an inspection of Cascade’s gas distribution system, which is summarized in Appendix A of the Agreement.
- 7* (3) The Commission Staff and Cascade have entered into the Agreement as an appropriate resolution of the issues raised by the inspection in this docket.

- 8 (4) The Commission has reviewed the Agreement. The Agreement is an appropriate resolution of the issues raised by the inspection in this docket.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 9 (1) The Commission has jurisdiction under RCW 80.28 to regulate the safety of the gas plant owned and operated by Cascade Natural Gas Corporation.
- 10 (2) The Agreement entered into between Cascade and the Commission Staff represents an appropriate resolution of the issues raised by the inspection in this docket. The Agreement is in the public interest. The Agreement should be approved, and this docket should be closed.
- 11 (3) The effective date of the Agreement is the date of this Order.

**ORDER**

- 12 It is hereby ordered that the Agreement filed June 20, 2007, is approved, and the investigation in this docket is closed. The Commission retains jurisdiction to effectuate the terms of this order, including enforcement of the Agreement, if necessary.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective June 27, 2007.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARK H. SIDRAN, Chairman

PATRICK OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner