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Mr. Steven V. King
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: UG-17_____, Cascade Natural Gas General Rate Case, Advice No. 17-08-01

Dear Mr. King,

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 2.71% in base rates or \$5,884,984 for natural gas service.

As directed by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“Commission”) Records Center, the Company encloses one original and 10 copies of its prepared direct testimony and exhibits, and three copies of work papers showing how test year data was adjusted. A USB containing the electronic version of this filing and all supporting documents is enclosed as well.

This submission includes the following revisions to Cascade’s Tariff, WN U-3, stated to become effective with service on and after October 1, 2017:

Thirty-Sixth Revision Sheet No. 2
Third Revision Sheet No. 25
Third Revision Sheet No. 200
Second Revision Sheet No. 200-A
Fifty-Fifth Revision Sheet No. 502
Sixtieth Revision Sheet No. 503

Forty-Fourth Revision Sheet No. 504
Forty-Third Revision Sheet No. 505
Sixtieth Revision Sheet No. 511
Fifty-Fourth Sheet No. 570
Eighteenth Revision Sheet No. 663

The Company also withdraws the following sheets:

Thirty-Ninth Revision Sheet No. 512
Fiftieth Revision Sheet No. 577
Second Revision Sheet No. 577-A

Cascade provides an overview of its proposed changes to its Tariff below. A more in-depth discussion of the changes is included in the Direct Testimony of Jennifer G. Gross, Exhibit No. __ (JGG-1T).

- The basic service charges and base rates in Rate Schedules 503, 504, 505, 511 and 570, and the contract demand charge in Rate Schedule 663 are revised to collect the proposed revenue requirement, as presented in the Testimony and Exhibits of Michael Parvinen, and in the manner those costs are allocated among customer classes, as presented in the Testimony and Exhibits of Ronald J. Amen.
- The gross revenue fee in Rate Schedule 663, which collects the costs for uncollectibles, UTC fees, and State B&O taxes, is going down.
- Schedule 502, Building Construction Temporary Heating and Dry-Out Service is frozen effective October 1; 2017, and the rate components in Schedule 502 are changed to mirror Schedule 503. Future dry-out or building construction customers will be served on Schedule 503.
- The Company proposes removing Schedule 512, Compressed Natural Gas Service and Schedule 577, Limited Interruptible Service Rate. Customers served on these schedules will migrate to Schedule 504, General Commercial Service Rate and 570, Interruptible Gas Service, respectively.
- Consistent with a revised revenue requirement, Cascade proposes changes to the authorized margin revenue per customer as stated on Sheet 25 in Rule 21, Decoupling Mechanism. The revisions to Rule 21 include removing Schedules 512 and 577, and incorporating Schedule 502 with Schedule 503.
- Cascade proposes removing the New Premise Charge, and increasing the Disconnect Charge, the Returned Payment Charge, the Pilot Light Charge, and the Reconnect Charge for regular and for after business hours. These charges are found in Schedule 200, Various Miscellaneous Charges.
- Finally, the Table of Contents (Sheet No. 2) is revised to reflect the removal of Schedules 512, Compressed Natural Gas Service and Schedule 577, Limited Interruptible Service Rate.

In compliance with WAC 480-90-193(1), the Company will post the proposed changes to its tariff on its website: www.cngc.com

Cascade requests the Commission **immediately suspend the operation of the general tariff revisions** included in this filing, and promptly set the matter for hearing, including the establishment of a prehearing conference, at the earliest possible date.

Included with this cover letter are the following attachments:

- Attachment A – The proposed tariffs
- Attachment B – The legislative tariffs
- Attachment C – A summary document on the Company’s proposed case as required per WAC 480-07-510.
- Attachment D – The Index of Testimony, Exhibits, and Work Papers
- Attachment E – The List of Files included in the electronic submission
- Attachment F – The Rate Case Compliance Matrix
- Attachment G – Financial Documents required per WAC 480-07-510(7)
- Attachment H – Certificate of Service
- Claim of Confidentiality
- Testimony, Exhibits, and Work Papers
- USB – Contains the electronic files

Please note that certain sections of the exhibits of Ronald J. Amen and Tammy Nygard have CONFIDENTIAL information. Additionally, as required by WAC 480-07-160, the Company is also submitting a Claim of Confidentiality regarding the submission of the unredacted versions of the above-referenced CONFIDENTIAL exhibits and work papers. These documents should be treated as CONFIDENTIAL per WAC 480-07-160.

On the same day as this filing, the Company submits “Cascade Natural Gas Corporation’s Motion for a Protective Order Pursuant to WAC 480-07-420.”

The Office of Public Counsel is served a hardcopy of all documents included in this filing as well as a USB containing all the electronic files that comprise this submission.

In compliance with WAC 480-90-197, the Company will provide public notice once the public hearing dates have been selected.

In response to the requirement in WAC 480-07-510(3)(i), the Company states it has no additional material affiliated transactions to report impacting the test year that otherwise were not already reported in the Company’s annual 2016 Report of Affiliated Interest Transactions. The Company’s 2016 annual report was filed on June 8, 2017.¹

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

¹ See Docket UG-170303.

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Additional copies of this filing, supporting testimony and exhibits are available from the Company upon request.

Questions regarding this filing should be directed to Michael Parvinen at (509) 734-4593.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures