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Mr. Mark L. Johnson Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250 Records Management 06/19/20 14:34 State Of WASH. JTIL. AND TRANSP. COMMISSION

## Re: UG-20\_\_\_\_\_, Cascade Natural Gas General Rate Case, Advice No. W20-06-01

Dear Mr. Johnson,

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 5.283% in base rates or \$13,830,451 for natural gas service.

The Company includes an original and five (5) paper copies of the Company's prefiled direct testimony and exhibits supporting this general rate case filing. In accordance with WAC 480-07-510, all documents have been electronically filed consistent with the requirements in WAC 480-07-140. One complete copy of all documentation has also been served on Public Counsel. The summary document has been served to the persons 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 filed with Commission Staff with a copy to Public Counsel within five business days of the date of this filing.

This submission includes the following revisions to Cascade's Tariff, WN U-3, stated to become effective with service on and after July 21, 2020:

Seventh Revision Sheet No.6 Seventh Revision Sheet No.6-A Second Revision Sheet No. 6-B Seventh Revision Sheet No. 25 Sixty-Third Revision Sheet No. 503 Forty-Seventh Revision Sheet No. 504 Forty-Sixth Revision Sheet No. 505 Sixty-Fourth Revision Sheet No. 511 Fifty-Eighth Revision Sheet No. 570 Twentieth Revision Sheet No. 663 Eighth Revision Sheet No. 663-A First Revision Sheet No. 663-B First Revision Sheet No. 663-C First Revision Sheet No. 663-D First Revision Sheet No. 663-F First Revision Sheet No. 663-G First Revision Sheet No. 663-H

Cascade proposes revising the above tariffs to include changes to rates. A more in-depth discussion of the following changes is included in the Direct Testimony of Pamela J. Archer, Exhibit No. \_\_ (PJA-1T):

- The gross revenue fee in Rate Schedule 663, which collects the costs for uncollectibles, UTC fees, and State B&O taxes, is going up;
- Company is proposing an update to the language in Rate Schedule 663 and Rule 2 to better reflect the Company's actual operations and to align the language with standard industry terminology; and
- Consistent with a revised revenue requirement, Cascade is proposing changes to the authorized margin revenue per customer as stated on Sheet 25 in Rule 21, Decoupling Mechanism.

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 this 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 of 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
- Attachment I Affiliated Interest Transactions per WAC 480-07-510(3)(g)
- Claim of Confidentiality
- Testimony, Exhibits, and Work Papers
- CD Contains the electronic files

Cascade has marked certain sections of the exhibits of Tammy J. Nygard "SHADED INFORMATION IS DESIGNATED AS CONFIDENTIAL PER WAC 480-07-160." Please by WAC 480-07-160(4) and a motion for protective order.

note that the Company has also simultaneously-filed a sworn claim of confidentiality as required

The Company therefore requests that the documents contained in the envelopes identified with the cover page marked "SHADED INFORMATION IS DESIGNATED AS CONFIDENTIAL PER WAC 480-07-160" as well as the files marked "Shaded Information Is Designated as Confidential per WAC 480-07-160" be treated as confidential under the provisions of WAC 480-07-160, as they each contain sensitive commercial information. In accordance with WAC 480-07-160(5)(c), the Company has enclosed redacted versions of the documents containing confidential information along with the non-confidential documents in its filing, and has placed unredacted versions of the documents containing confidential information of the documents containing confidential information in separate envelopes with corresponding "SHADED INFORMATION IS DESIGNATED AS CONFIDENTIAL PER WAC 480-07-160" labels on the envelopes. Each page of the unredacted version containing confidential information has been printed on yellow paper.

Service of documents pertaining to this filing should be directed to the following Cascade

Natural Gas Corporation representatives:

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Additional copies of this filing, supporting testimony, exhibits and work papers are available from the Company upon request subject to any restrictions on information that is protected from public disclosure.

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

Sincerely,

## /s/ Michael Parvinen

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Enclosures