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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(By Friday, February 24, 2017)
and
NOTICE OF RECESSED OPEN MEETING
(To be held at 1:30 p.m., Friday, March 24, 2017)

Re: Cascade Natural Gas Corporation 2016 Natural Gas Integrated Resource Plan,
Docket UG-160453

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) will accept comments on Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's (Cascade or Company) integrated resource plan for natural gas service. An "integrated resource plan" (IRP or Plan) describes the lowest cost mix of natural gas supply and conservation designated to meet current and future energy demands at the lowest reasonable cost to the utility and its ratepayers.

The Commission will review Cascade's integrated resource plan for natural gas service at a recessed open public meeting. Cascade representatives will present the Plan to the Commission and respond to questions from the Commissioners and the public at the recessed open meeting of the Commission to be held **on Friday, March 24, 2017, at 1:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the Commission's headquarters, Room 206, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

The Commission will consider information reported in the IRP when it evaluates the performance of the utility in rate and other proceedings.¹ The Commission requests that

¹ WAC 480-90-238(6)

interested persons provide written comments in response to the IRP, addressing the following issues:

Conservation:

1. Does the use of “Achievable Base,” “Achievable Moderate,” and “Achievable High” adoption curves, as presented in Appendix D of the IRP, appropriately represent the rate of adoption for all measures?
2. Has Cascade identified the appropriate amount of conservation to meet current and future needs at the lowest reasonable cost to the utility and its ratepayers?

A copy of the IRP is on file in the library at the Commission’s offices in Olympia, and on Cascade’s website at <https://www.cngc.com/rates-services/rates-tariffs/integrated-resource-plan>. Requests for copies of the Plan should be directed to Cascade.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments must be filed with the Commission no later than **5:00 p.m., February 24, 2017**. The Commission requests that comments be provided in electronic format to enhance public access, for ease of providing comments, to reduce the need for paper copies, and to facilitate quotations from the comments. Comments may be submitted via the Commission’s Web portal at www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing or by electronic mail to the Commission’s Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov. Please include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (UG-160453).
- The commenting party’s name.
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

An alternative method for submitting comments may be by mailing or delivering an electronic copy to the Commission’s Records Center on a 3 ½ inch, IBM-formatted, high-density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format or in Word 97 or later format, a flash drive, or CD. Include all of the information requested above. The Commission will post on its web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The web site is located at the following URL address: <http://www.utc.wa.gov/>. Documents are generally posted within 24 hours of receipt.

Comments delivered by mail or courier should be addressed to:

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

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Please refer to Docket UG-160453 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list.

The Commission's teleconference bridge line will be available for the workshop. The Commission prefers and recommends that interested persons participate in person and share ideas in a workshop setting. However, if this imposes a hardship, interested persons may participate at the workshop via the Commission's teleconference bridge at **(360) 664-3846**. The conference bridge, however, is limited to 22 access lines.

The IRP is a product of Cascade, filed under requirements in WAC 480-90-238. Questions for Cascade can be directed to the company by email Mark.Sellers-Vaughn@cngc.com or by calling (509) 734-4589. Questions for Commission staff may be addressed to Kathi Scanlan by email at kscanlan@utc.wa.gov or by calling (360) 664-1267. When inquiring about the subject of this Notice, please refer to Docket UG-160453.

STEVEN V. KING
Executive Director and Secretary