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Carol Washburn
Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transp. Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
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*Via E-Mail and
Hand Delivered*

Re: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Cascade Natural
Gas Corporation; Docket No. PG-030438*

Dear Ms. Washburn:

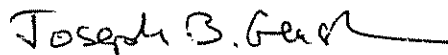
We write on behalf of Respondent Cascade Natural Gas Corporation ("Cascade") to request an additional 30-day extension, to Monday, February 21, 2005, for filing its answer to the Complaint filed in the case referenced above. The WUTC previously granted Cascade's December 19, 2004 request for a continuance until January 21, 2005.

Cascade seeks this request because it has engaged in productive settlement negotiations with WUTC staff and anticipates that it will be able to resolve this matter within the next 30 days. On January 19, 2005, I spoke with Assistant Attorney General Sally Johnston, attorney for the WUTC, about this request for an additional 30-day extension. Ms. Johnston informed me that she also understood that the parties were engaged in productive settlement negotiations and, therefore, that the WUTC did not object to the request for an additional 30-day extension. Cascade makes this request pursuant to WAC 480-07-370(c)(iv) and WAC 480-07-385.

For the foregoing reasons, Cascade requests that its request for an additional 30 days, to Monday, February 21, 2005, to file its answer to the Complaint be granted.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



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