

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of

GAS PIPELINE SAFETY INVESTIGATION
OF CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORP.

DOCKET PG-130309

ORDER 01

EMERGENCY ORDER DELEGATING
AUTHORITY TO SECRETARY OF
COMMISSION

1 Pursuant to RCW 34.05.479, RCW 80.01.030, WAC 356-30-007, WAC 356-34-011, and
the inherent powers of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
(Commission), the Commission orders as follows:

BRIEF STATEMENT OF FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND
POLICY REASONS FOR THIS ORDER

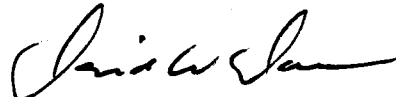
- 2 This docket involves a gas pipeline safety investigation by the Commission of the gas
pipeline system owned and operated by Cascade Natural gas Corporation (Cascade).
- 3 One of the pipeline facilities involved in the investigation is the 16 inch North Whatcom
#10 gas pipeline in Whatcom County owned and operated by Cascade.
- 4 The Commission understands Cascade today has reduced the pressure on that pipeline
after discussions with Commission Pipeline Safety engineers, and Cascade will not
operate that pipeline above 428 pounds per square inch gauge (psig) until the
Commission has given the company written authorization to do so.
- 5 The Commission's concern is that at a pressure higher than 428 pounds psig, the pipeline
at issue may rupture and thereby present a threat to public health, safety and welfare.
- 6 Circumstances involving this pipeline facility may arise in the immediate future which
involve a present threat to public health, safety and welfare, and which therefore may
necessitate prompt Commission action, including action when commissioners may not be
readily available to sign an order in person.
- 7 Therefore, it being essential that the Commission be able to take prompt appropriate
action in this matter, it is necessary to authorize signature authority to the Secretary.

ORDER

8 The Secretary is hereby authorized to sign orders in this matter on the commissioners' behalf, if a quorum of commissioners has given the Secretary prior telephonic or electronic authorization for him to sign order on behalf of Commission.. The Secretary is not authorized to exercise the discretionary authority of the Commission.

9 This delegation is effective when this order is signed, through March 14, 2013.

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective March 1, 2013.



DAVID W. DANNER, Chairman



JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Commissioner



PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner