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**Re: Washington Energy Assistance Fund (WEAF) Program True-Up & Tariff Revisions**

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (“Cascade” or “Company”) files the following revisions to its Tariff, WN U-3, stated to become effective with service on and after November 1, 2022:

- **Sixth Revision of Sheet No. 593 Canceling Fifth Revision Sheet No. 593**
- **Fifth Revision of Sheet No. 303-A Canceling Fourth Revision of Sheet No. 303-A**

#### **SCHEDULE 593 - WEAFF FUND PROGRAM COST RECOVERY**

The purpose of the revisions to the Company’s Schedule 593, Washington Energy Assistance Fund (“WEAF”) Program Cost Recovery, is to true-up the rates to collect the budgeted amount for the 2022-2023 WEAF program year. Included in this filing are Attachments A, B, and C. Attachment A shows program revenues and expenditures for the current program year including projected revenues and expenses for the final month of the program year. Attachment B shows how the changes to the Schedule 593 surcharges are derived. Attachment C presents the proposed WEAF rate changes, bill impacts, and revenue impacts by rate schedule.

The proposed revisions to Schedule 593 will collect \$1,126,481 which, when coupled with the fund balance carryover, should provide \$1,611,685 for the 2022-2023 WEAF program year. The funding includes a “soft cap” funding budget limit provision of up to \$1,467,400. These budget provisions were authorized per Order No. 05 in Docket No UG-200568, in which the Commission allowed for the continuation of 2020-2021 program operations and spending levels into the foreseeable future. In addition, the Company has included \$73,000 in first year funding for community-based organizations (“CBO”) outreach as ordered in Docket No. UG-210755.

The changes proposed to Schedule 593 will result in an annual revenue decrease of approximately \$190,123 or a decrease in annual funding of 14.52 percent which results in a revenue decrease of 0.06 percent. The average residential customer using 54 therms per month will see a bill decrease of about \$0.04 per month, a decrease of 0.06 percent. The average commercial customer using 271 therms per month will see a bill decrease of approximately \$0.15 per month, a decrease of 0.05 percent.

Below is a table of the proposed changes to Schedule 593 and revenue impacts by customer rate schedule:

Service	Sch. No.	Rate Change	Proposed Rate Per Therm	Percent Change
Residential	503	-0.00069	\$0.00406	-0.057%
Commercial	504	-0.00056	\$0.00328	-0.050%
Industrial	505	-0.00035	\$0.00203	-0.039%
Industrial Lg Vol	511	-0.00029	\$0.00172	-0.035%
Interruptible	570	-0.00010	\$0.00061	-0.014%
Transportation	663	-0.00006	\$0.00037	-0.163%

The Company has traditionally held advisory group meetings twice annually. In light of the proposed changes to the Company's program, Cascade is working with the advisory group to schedule more frequent meetings in the upcoming year.

#### **SCHEDULE 303-A - WEAFF PROGRAM TARIFF REVISIONS**

The proposed changes to the Company's Sheet No. 303-A add the creation of the CBO funding authorized per Order No. 09 in Docket No UG-210755. This filing submitted electronically includes the following files:

NEW-CNGC-Advice-No.-W22-09-05-CLtr-09.16.22.pdf  
 NEW-CNGC-Advice-No.-W22-09-05-Attch A-09.16.22.xlsx  
 NEW-CNGC-Advice-No.-W22-09-05-Attch B-09.16.22.xlsx  
 NEW-CNGC-Advice-No.-W22-09-05-Attch C-09.16.22.xlsx  
 NEW-CNGC-Advice-No.-W22-09-05-Trfs-09.16.22.pdf  
 NEW-CNGC-Advice-No.-W22-09-05-Leg-Trfs-09.16.22.pdf

If you have any questions, please contact me at (208) 377-6015.

Sincerely,

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Attachments