

CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION
Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessity
To operate a Gas Plant for Hire in Grant County
Docket No. UG-001119

Bench Request No. 1

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Please list exactly what services you want to provide to customer-owned pipelines.

Response:

Cascade does not intend to promote or construct bypass pipelines. It intends to offer services to assist customers to operate their own property safely and in compliance with state and federal regulations.

Based on market demand, Cascade anticipates providing services that will help customers comply with applicable provisions of 49 CFR Part 192 and WAC 480-93. References in our Rate Schedule 700 to operating mean helping customers comply with provisions of Subpart L of Part 192 of US DOT regulations, such as:

- a. Write procedural manuals for operation, maintenance, and emergencies;
- b. Assist initial determination of class location and confirmation or establishment of maximum allowable operating pressure;
- c. Surveillance of facilities;
- d. Produce damage prevention programs;
- e. Produce emergency plans;
- f. Furnish public education;
- g. Assist investigation of failures;
- h. Provide specifications, installation and maintenance of odorization facilities, such as monthly odorometer readings.

A more detailed list of services under consideration for Rate Schedule 700 is attached as Exhibit A.

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How do the items listed in response to question 1) overlap with the menu of services included in Cascade's Rate Schedule 700?

Response:

The items listed in response to question 1 above are identical with the menu of services included in Cascade's Rate Schedule 700.

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Does Cascade plan to make the services it offers available at the option of the Company, or does it propose to offer these services to anyone that owns piping systems?

Response:

Cascade proposes to furnish Rate Schedule 700 services, at Cascade's option, to customers owning pipeline systems within Cascade's certificated area. If providing such services is permitted under applicable law, Cascade will also provide such services outside its certificated area at its option.

Cascade intends to provide Rate Schedule 700 services only to prospective customers who demonstrate the intention to operate pipeline systems meeting Cascade's internal safety standards. Cascade anticipates exercising its option to provide Rate Schedule 700 services within its certificated area to all similarly situated customers on similar terms. Cascade intends not to practice unreasonable discrimination between similarly situated customers in offering these services.

With respect to prospective customers outside its certificated area, Cascade expects to offer Rate Schedule 700 services only to the extent providing such services, in its best judgment, will not diminish its ability to serve customers within its certificated area.