

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of	)	DOCKET UG-101656
	)	
CASCADE NATURAL GAS	)	
CORPORATION,	)	
	)	
For an Accounting Order Authorizing	)	NOTICE OF PREHEARING
Deferred Accounting Treatment of Loss	)	CONFERENCE
in Margin Due to Company Sponsored	)	<b>(Set for December 1, 2010,</b>
Conservation programs, or, in the	)	<b>at 10:30 a.m.)</b>
Alternative, the Continuation of the	)	
Pilot Decoupling Mechanism that was	)	
Approved in Docket UG-060256	)	
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1 Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade) on October 1, 2010, filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition for an accounting order authorizing deferred accounting treatment of loss in margin due to company sponsored conservation programs, or, in the alternative, the continuation of the pilot decoupling mechanism that was approved in Docket UG-060256 (Petition). A more detailed description of the issue is reflected in the Petition, which is available for inspection at the Commission’s office located at Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington, and on the Commission’s web site at [www.utc.wa.gov/101656](http://www.utc.wa.gov/101656).

2 On October 25, 2010, the Office of Public Counsel filed with the Commission a motion to dismiss the Petition.

3 On November 1, 2010, Cascade and Commission Staff each filed their response to public counsel’s motion to dismiss.

4 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under RCW Title 80, and has legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of natural gas companies. The statutes that apply to this matter include RCW 80.01, RCW 80.04, and RCW 80.28, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040 and RCW 80.04.020. The rules that apply to this matter include those within WAC 480-90, related to gas companies.

5 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of RCW 34.05 relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA that relate to this proceeding include, but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission will also follow its procedural rules in WAC 480-07 in this proceeding.

6 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a prehearing conference in this matter at 10:30 a.m., on December 1, 2010, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

7 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for intervention, resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence and workpapers, to identify the issues in the proceeding and determine other matters to assist the Commission in resolving the matter, as listed in WAC 480-07-430. **Parties are encouraged to consult informally prior to the prehearing conference to develop a proposed schedule for the Commission's consideration in the event the Commission denies Public Counsel's motion to dismiss.**

8 **INTERVENTION:** Persons who wish to intervene should file a petition to intervene in writing at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference. *See WAC 480-07-355(a).* The Commission will consider oral petitions to intervene during the conference, but strongly prefers written petitions to intervene. Party representatives must file a notice of appearance with the Commission no later than the business day before the conference. *See WAC 480-07-345(2).* Any party or witness in need of an interpreter or other assistance should fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission. The Commission will set the time and place for any evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference, on the record of a later conference or hearing session, or by later written notice.

9 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that any party who fails to attend or participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage of this proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440 and WAC 480-07-450.**

10 The names and mailing addresses of all known parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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- 11 Administrative Law Judge Gregory J. Kopta, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.
- 12 The Attorney General has designated Simon J. ffitch of the Office of the Public Counsel to represent the public. You may use the Commission's address, shown below, for contacting Public Counsel, or you may contact Public Counsel directly by writing or calling the address or telephone number listed below.
- 13 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate during this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective November 2, 2010.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Executive Director and Secretary

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If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please fill out this form and return it to Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission, Attention: David W. Danner, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. (PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

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