

February 23, 2005

Carol Washburn
Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transp. Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

*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 its third 30-day extension, to Monday, March 23, 2005, for filing its answer to the Complaint filed in the case referenced above.

Cascade seeks this request because it has negotiated a Settlement Agreement with WUTC staff. Cascade signed that agreement on February 18, 2005, and transmitted the Settlement Agreement back to WUTC staff the same day. On February 22, 2005, I spoke with Assistant Attorney General Shannon E. Smith, attorney for the WUTC, about this request for an additional 30-day extension. Ms. Smith informed me that she also understood that the parties had negotiated a Settlement Agreement and, therefore, that the WUTC did not object to this request for an additional 30-day extension. Cascade anticipates that the Settlement Agreement will be submitted for the Commission’s review and, hopefully, approval this week.

For the foregoing reasons, Cascade requests that its request for an additional 30 days to Monday, March 23, 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,

Joseph B. Genster

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cc: Shannon E. Smith, Assistant Attorney General
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