

CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
2006 Rate Case Data Request

Request No. 177

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WUTC STAFF DATA REQUEST NO. 177:

Re: Cost of Capital

Please indicate the cost of short-term debt to Cascade Natural Gas, as of the following dates:

- a. December 31, 2005;
- b. March 31, 2006;
- c. June 30, 2006.

Response: The short term rates vary based on the term length. For funds borrowed with no term period, the prime rate is used. See the short term rates below:

<u>12/31/05</u>	<u>03/31/06</u>	<u>06/28/06</u>
Prime 7.25	Prime 7.75	Prime 8.00
1 month 5.19	1 month 5.63	1 month 6.13
2 month 5.25	2 month 5.69	2 month 6.19
3 month 5.31	3 month 5.75	3 month 6.25
6 month 5.50	6 month 5.94	6 month 6.38