

August 12, 2016

Mr. Steven V. King
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Advice No. W16-08-01, Supplemental Compliance Filing UG-152286, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation General Rate Case

Dear Mr. King,

On August 1, 2016, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade or Company) submitted Advice No. W16-08-01 in compliance to Commission Order No. 4, issued in UG-152286. The Company now supplements its August 1, 2016, filing with the following <u>replacement</u> sheets to its Tariff WN U-3, which are stated to become effective <u>September 1</u>, 2016:

Original Sheet No. 25-A
Original Sheet No. 25-B
Original Sheet No. 303
Original Sheet No. 303-A
Original Sheet No. 303-B
Original Sheet No. 593
Sixteenth Revision Sheet No. 663
Fourth Revision Sheet No. 687

All other sheets <u>remain</u> as submitted on August 1, 2016.

In the cover letter attached to the August 1, 2016, compliance filing submitted in the subject docket, the Company noted that tariff sheets related to the Company's Washington Energy Assistance Fund (WEAF) program were not included, although required per the UG-152286 settlement agreement, because the Company needed to provide its WEAF Advisory Group additional time to review the proposed tariffs. The WEAF Advisory group formed per the settlement agreement is comprised of parties from the rate case as well as community action

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agencies. The WEAF Advisory Group has reviewed proposed Schedule 303 defining the WEAF program and proposed Schedule 593, the WEAF Cost Recovery adjustment schedule over email as well as on an August 3, 2016, teleconference. The rate included in Schedule 593 is consistent with Appendix B to the Settlement Agreement.

Other changes include revisions to Schedule 21, Sheet Nos. 25-A and 25-B. The language explaining the earnings test is revised for clarity. Revisions to Sheet No. 25-A forced text to move to Sheet No. 25-B.

Sheet Nos. 663 and 687 are revised to include the correct Gross Revenue Fee of 4.469%.

If you have questions regarding this filing, please contact Jennifer Gross at (509) 734-4635.

Sincerely,

Michael Parvinen

Director, Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures

## **RULE 21 DECOUPLING MECHANISM (Continued)**

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#### **TERM:**

This Adjustment Mechanism shall remain effective for five years, with the final Deferral Amount being recorded for September 2021 and the final Schedule 594 charge or credit billing on December 31, 2022.

### **GENERAL TERMS:**

Service under this Rate Schedule is governed by the terms of this Rate Schedule, the General Rules and Regulations contained in this Tariff, any other Schedules that by their terms or by the terms of this Rate Schedule apply to service under this Rate Schedule, and by all rules and regulations prescribed by regulatory authorities, as amended from time to time.

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#### PROGRAM YEAR

The program year is October 1 through September 30.

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2) The Company has determined the Agency is capable of meeting performance obligations under this program. The Company may evaluate this annually based on various factors including past performance; and

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#### PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION (continued)

3) The Agency has executed a contract with the Company establishing roles and responsibilities consistent with this Schedule. Failure to comply with requirements in the contract may result in termination from the role of program administrator.

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In no instance will the Company accept a WEAF grant or grants when the customer's account has an existing credit equal to or greater than \$300 where that credit is solely from a charitable grant or grants such as WEAF, LIHEAP, and Winter Help.

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In no instance shall WEAF grants or credits on an account attributed to a WEAF grant be paid in cash to a customer or any other household member.

### **ADMINISTRATION FEES**

The Company will pay Agencies an administrative fee of \$75 per household qualified for a WEAF grant. One fee per household will be paid per program year.

#### **PROGRAM COSTS**

Program costs will be collected through Schedule 593. The Schedule 593 rate will be set annually to ensure collections for the program year budget plus any unspent funding from the prior year are no more than the amount listed below:

Program Year	Max. Budget
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### **ADVISORY GROUP**

An Advisory Group comprised of key stakeholders including Public Counsel, Commission Staff, the Energy Project, Cascade Staff, and representatives from the Community Action Agencies shall discus and advise the Company on program related matters such as the evaluation of the program's performance, ongoing administrative concerns, the annual program budget and potential alternative program designs. The advisory group will meet via teleconference or in person no less than twice yearly. The advisory group may provide guidance and suggestions but their input does not preclude the Company from submitting proposals or tariff changes to the Commission that do not have the support of the advisory group or a majority of its participants.

### **GENERAL TERMS**

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# WASHINGTON ENERGY ASSISTANCE FUND (WEAF) PROGRAM COST RECOVERY SCHEDULE 593

#### **PURPOSE:**

This adjustment schedule collects funding necessary for Cascade's Washington Energy Assistance Fund (WEAF) Program as established in Schedule 303.

#### APPLICABILITY:

This adjustment applies to the following rate schedules: 502, 503, 504, 505, 511, 512, 570, 577, and 663

#### **ADJUSTMENT TO RATE:**

The Company will file to change this adjustment schedule annually so that forecast collections under this Schedule are estimated to collect no more than the maximum program year budget less any carryover. The program year budget is established in Schedule 303.

The amount to be collected over a 12-month timeframe will be amortized to all rate schedules on an equal percent of margin basis.

#### **ADJUSTMENT RATE:**

This following adjustment rate will apply on a per therm basis for each rate schedule as listed in the table below:

RATE	PER			
SCHEDULE	THERM			
	RATE			
502	\$0.00507			
503	\$0.00473			
504	\$0.00382			
505	\$0.00237			
511	\$0.00201			
512	\$0.00294			
570	\$0.00071			
577	\$0.00146			
663	\$0.00044			

#### **GENERAL TERMS:**

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# DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM TRANSPORTATION SERVICE SCHEDULE NO. 663

#### **AVAILABILITY:**

This unbundled distribution system transportation service schedule is available throughout the territory served by the Company under the tariff of which this schedule is a part, provided, in the sole judgment of the Company, there are adequate facilities in place at the existing distribution line or as such line may be enhanced by the Company from time to time to provide service.

#### RATE:

The rates set forth in sections A - D are exclusive of fuel use requirements designed to cover distribution system lost and unaccounted for gas.

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B. Basic Service Charge \$500.00 per month
All customers receiving gas supply service through this schedule will be invoiced a monthly Basic Service Charge for each single metering facility.

C. Delivery Charge For All Therms Delivered Per Month

First	100,000	\$ 0.05730 Per Therm Per Month
Next	200,000	\$ 0.02023 Per Therm Per Month
Next	200,000	\$ 0.01187 Per Therm Per Month
Over	500.000	\$ 0.00508 Per Therm Per Month

- D. System Balancing Charge.....\$.0004 per therm
- E. The total of all charges invoiced by Company shall be subject to a Gross Revenue Fee reimbursement charge to cover state utility tax and other governmental levies imposed upon the Company. The current Gross Revenue Fee is 4.469%.
- F. Fuel use requirements

Customer served on 663 shall provide the company with in-kind fuel for distribution system lost and unaccounted for gas. The fuel use factor is based on the Company's 5-year average lost and unaccounted for percentage, which shall be updated annually. The current rate is 0.1348%

All other terms and conditions of services shall be pursuant to the Rules and Regulations set forth in the Company's filed tariff.

# **OTHER SERVICES:**

Service under this schedule shall include transportation on the Company's distribution facilities only. Service under this schedule requires customer to secure both gas supply and pipeline transportation capacity services either through the Company or through third party arrangements.

#### **RATE ADJUSTMENTS:**

Rates for service under this schedule are subject to various adjustments as specified in Schedule Nos. 593, 595, 596, and 597 (when applicable) as well as any other applicable adjustments as approved by the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission.

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#### OPTIONAL GAS MANAGEMENT SERVICES **SCHEDULE NO. 687**

#### **AVAILABILITY:**

These services are available throughout the Company's service territory to Non-core end users who currently purchase their own gas supply that is transported on Northwest Pipeline (NWP, Westcoast Transmission, and/or Gas Transmission Northwest (GTN).

#### GAS MANAGEMENT SERVICES DESCRIPTION:

The company will, acting as an agent, manage the transportation & delivery of natural gas on the interstate pipelines. Services offered under this schedule include the following:

- Daily Nominations on Northwest Pipeline, Westcoast Transmission, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, and/or
- Review of all nomination confirmations
- Pipeline Balancing services
- Monthly Management reports detailing delivered volumes, account balance positions, load factors achieved and weighted average cost of gas by month and year-to-date.
- Release unused firm transportation capacity on behalf of customer. Capacity equivalent to the Company's similarly situated unused firm capacity will be marketed on a nondiscriminatory basis.

#### **CONTRACT:**

Customers receiving service under this schedule shall execute a Gas Management Services agreement for those services for a period of not less than one year.

#### RATE:

A. Gas Management Fee

A monthly management fee, for the performance of the daily gas management services, will be charged on a per MMBTU basis, for all natural gas consumed by the customer. The fee is to be negotiated and included as part of the contract. In no case shall the fee be more than \$.10 per MMBTU or less than \$.005 per MMBTU.

B. Mitigation Fee

A mitigation fee, equal to a percentage of the mitigated transportation expense, will be charged for capacity released on behalf of the customer. The fee is to be negotiated and included as part of the contract. In no case shall the fee be more than 100% of the mitigated transportation expense or less than \$50 per transaction.

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#### TERMS OF PAYMENT:

Payment shall be due and payable within fifteen (15) days from the date the bill is rendered.

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<u>SCHEDULE</u>	<u>THERM</u>			
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**Regulatory Affairs** 

Fourteenth Revision Sheet No. 663

# CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION

# DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM TRANSPORTATION SERVICE SCHEDULE NO. 663

#### **AVAILABILITY:**

This unbundled distribution system transportation service schedule is available throughout the territory served by the Company under the tariff of which this schedule is a part, provided, in the sole judgment of the Company, there are adequate facilities in place at the existing distribution line or as such line may be enhanced by the Company from time to time to provide service.

#### RATE:

The rates set forth in sections A - D are exclusive of fuel use requirements designed to cover distribution system lost and unaccounted for gas.

A. Contract Demand Charge (Per CD Therms per month)

\$.15 per month

Or Optional Volumetric Firming Charge

\$.0156 per therm

Customers electing Optional Volumetric Firming Charge will be subject to a minimum annual charge based upon an annual load factor of thirty-three (33%) percent.

B. Dispatching Service Charge

\$500.00 per month

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All Therms Delivered

\$0.0002 per therm

All customers receiving gas supply service through this schedule will be invoiced a monthly Dispatching Service Charge for each single metering facility.

C. Delivery Charge For All Therms Delivered Per Month

 First 100,000
 \$ 0.05350
 Per Therm Per Month

 Next 200,000
 \$ 0.01800
 Per Therm Per Month

 Next 200,000
 \$ 0.01000
 Per Therm Per Month

 Over 500,000
 \$ 0.00350
 Per Therm Per Month

- D. The total of all charges invoiced by Company shall be subject to a Gross Revenue Fee reimbursement charge to cover state utility tax and other governmental levies imposed upon the Company. The current Gross Revenue Fee is 4.535%.
- E. Fuel use requirements

Customer served on 663 shall provide the company with in-kind fuel for distribution system lost and unaccounted for gas. The fuel use factor is based on the Company's 5-year average lost and unaccounted for percentage, which shall be updated annually. The current rate is 0.1348%

All other terms and conditions of services shall be pursuant to the Rules and Regulations set forth in the Company's filed tariff.

# OTHER SERVICES:

Service under this schedule shall include transportation on the Company's distribution facilities only. Service under this schedule requires customer to secure both gas supply and pipeline transportation capacity services either through the Company or through third party arrangements.

#### **RATE ADJUSTMENTS:**

Rates for service under this schedule are subject to various adjustments as specified in Schedule Nos. 595, 596, and 597 (when applicable) as well as any other applicable adjustments as approved by the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission.

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#### OPTIONAL GAS MANAGEMENT SERVICES SCHEDULE NO. 687

#### **AVAILABILITY:**

These services are available throughout the Company's service territory to Non-core end users who currently purchase their own gas supply that is transported on Williams Northwest Pipeline (WNWP, Westcoast Energy, Inc (WEI)Transmission, and/or Gas Transmission Northwest (GTN).

#### GAS MANAGEMENT SERVICES DESCRIPTION:

The company will, acting as an agent, manage the transportation & delivery of natural gas on the interstate pipelines. Services offered under this schedule include the following:

- Daily Nominations on WGPWNorthwest Pipeline, WEIWestcoast Transmission, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, and/or PG&E GT NWGTN.
- Review of all nomination confirmations
- Pipeline Balancing services
- Monthly Management reports detailing delivered volumes, account balance positions, load factors achieved and weighted average cost of gas by month and year-to-date.
- Release unused firm transportation capacity on behalf of customer. Capacity equivalent to the Company's similarly situated unused firm capacity will be marketed on a nondiscriminatory basis.

#### **CONTRACT:**

Customers receiving service under this schedule shall execute a Gas Management Services agreement for those services for a period of not less than one year.

#### RATE:

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A. Gas Management Fee

A monthly management fee, for the performance of the daily gas management services, will be charged on a per MMBTU basis, for all natural gas consumed by the customer. The fee is to be negotiated and included as part of the contract. In no case shall the fee be more than \$.10 per MMBTU or less than \$.005 per MMBTU.

B. Mitigation Fee

A mitigation fee, equal to a percentage of the mitigated transportation expense, will be charged for capacity released on behalf of the customer. The fee is to be negotiated and included as part of the contract. In no case shall the fee be more than 100% of the mitigated transportation expense or less than \$50 per transaction.

C. The total of all charges invoiced by Company shall be subject to a Gross Revenue Fee reimbursement charge to cover state utility tax and other governmental levies imposed upon the Company. The current Gross Revenue Fee is 4.535%.

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#### TERMS OF PAYMENT:

Payment shall be due and payable within fifteen (15) days from the date the bill is rendered.

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