

BEFORE THE

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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| WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND |) | DOCKET NO. UG-240008 |
| TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, |) | |
| |) | ALLIANCE OF WESTERN ENERGY |
| Complainant, |) | CONSUMERS' PETITION TO |
| |) | INTERVENE |
| v. |) | |
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| CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION |) | |
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| Respondent. |) | |
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1. Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (“AWEC”) hereby submits this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding.

2. The business address for AWEC is:

Alliance of Western Energy Consumers
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3. Chad Stokes of Cable Huston LLP will represent AWEC in this proceeding and has filed a separate Notice of Appearance as required in WAC §480-07-345(2). All correspondence and communications concerning this proceeding should be addressed to AWEC’s attorneys and consultants at the following addresses:

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4. This Petition to Intervene is submitted pursuant to WAC § 480-07-355. As required by WAC §480-07-145(5), AWEC has provided this Petition by electronic mail. In support of this Petition to Intervene, AWEC states the following:
5. AWEC is a non-profit association comprised of approximately 40 end users of natural gas with major facilities in the States of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. AWEC members include diverse industrial and commercial interests, including food processing, pulp and paper, wood products, electric generation, aluminum, steel, chemicals, electronics, and aerospace. The association provides an informational service to its members and participates in various regulatory matters that affect member interests. AWEC member companies purchase sales and transportation services from Washington local distribution companies (“LDCs”), including Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (“Cascade”).
6. On March 29, 2024, Cascade filed for authority to increase rates and charges for natural gas service with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“WUTC”). This is Cascade’s first multi-year rate plan. Cascade is proposing a test year of the twelve-month period that ended December 31,2023, including restating and pro-forma adjustments. The multiyear rate plan includes provisional requests for calendar years 2024 (Rate Year 1) and 2025 (Rate Year 2). Cascade is seeking to increase revenues by \$43.8 million in Rate Year 1 and by \$11.7 million in Rate Year 2.
7. Cascade’s request for authority to increase rates will impact the interests of AWEC

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member companies. AWEC members have a direct and substantial interest in Cascade's request for authority increase rates. No other party can adequately represent AWEC member companies' interests, and the Commission's determination in this proceeding will directly affect AWEC member companies.

8. AWEC reserves the right to propound data requests, review responses to data requests, submit testimony and exhibits, call witnesses, cross-examine all witnesses called by other parties and submit any written arguments and motions that may be appropriate to represent its interests in this proceeding.

9. AWEC's participation in this proceeding will assist the Commission in resolving the issues in this proceeding and will not unreasonably broaden the issues, unduly burden the record, or delay this proceeding.

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10. WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing, AWEC respectfully requests leave to intervene as a party in this proceeding, with all of the procedural and substantive rights associated with full party status as described in WAC §480-07-340.

Dated in Portland, Oregon, this 15th day of April 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chad M. Stokes', is written over a horizontal line.

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