

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

CASCADE NATURAL GAS
CORPORATION,

Respondent.

DOCKET UG-240008

NOTICE OF PREHEARING
CONFERENCE
**(Set for May 16, 2024, at
9 a.m.)**

- 1 On March 29, 2024, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective WN U-3 Tariff for natural gas service. Cascade characterizes its filing as a general rate case (GRC).
- 2 Cascade proposes a two-year rate plan starting March 1, 2025, and March 1, 2026. In rate year 1, Cascade seeks a \$43.8 million increase in overall natural gas revenues. In rate year two, Cascade seeks \$11.7 million in overall natural gas revenues. The Company’s proposed revised tariff sheets provide an effective date of May 1, 2024.
- 3 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under Title 80 RCW, and has legal authority to regulate electric companies. The statutes that apply to this matter include Chapters 80.01 RCW, 80.04 RCW, and 80.28 RCW relating to rates, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04.020, and RCW 80.28.020. The rules that apply to this matter include those within Chapters WAC 480-80 and WAC 480-90, relating to natural gas companies.
- 4 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of Chapter 34.05 RCW 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.

5 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE** That it will hold a virtual prehearing conference in this matter at 9 a.m., on May 16, 2024. To attend via Zoom, please [click here to join meeting](#).¹ To attend by phone, please call (253) 215-8782 and enter the Meeting ID: 852 7826 1858# and Passcode: 514516#.

6 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for intervention, resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence, 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.

7 **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.

8 **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.

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

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¹ <https://utc-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/85278261858?pwd=ZVg8wnM8eTJIio490TzleC3b9IghZb.1>

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- 10 The Commissioners of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and Administrative Law Judge Connor Thompson, from the Commission’s Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding².
- 11 The Attorney General has designated Tad O’Neill from the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General’s Office (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.]
- 12 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 Lacey, Washington, and effective April 25, 2024.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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² Judge Thompson can be reached at connor.thompson@utc.wa.gov or (360) 664-1146.

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If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please provide the information requested below via email to Stacey Brewster, paralegal, at stacey.brewster@utc.wa.gov:

(PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

Docket: _____

Case Name: _____

Hearing Date: _____ Hearing Location: _____

Primary Language: _____

Hearing Impaired: (Yes) _____ (No) _____

Do you need a certified sign language interpreter:

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Other type of assistance needed: _____