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STATE OF WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO RESPOND (Responses due by 5 p.m., Friday, June 23, 2017)

RE: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, Docket UG-152286

TO ALL PARTIES:

On December 1, 2015, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade or Company) filed a general rate case with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission). On July 7, 2016, the Commission entered Order 04, Final Order Approving Settlement Agreement (Order 04). Order 04 approved, among other things, a five-year schedule of "not to exceed" Washington Energy Assistance Fund (WEAF) program spending caps.

On June 13, 2017, Cascade filed a Petition for Approval (i) to Exceed its Washington Energy Assistance Fund Program Annual Budgets as Established in Order No. 04 of UG-152286 and (ii) to defer Program Costs as Necessary (Petition). The Petition requests an order authorizing the Company to:

- (1) exceed the "not-to-exceed" WEAF program budgets for the 2016 through 2021 program years, as established the Final Order;
- (2) seek the annual collection of WEAF program funding that is 15% over the 'not to exceed amounts" after consideration with the WEAF Advisory Committee:
- (3) establish a 5% soft cap to the program year budgets; and
- (4) defer program costs that exceed those collected through Schedule 593, Washington Energy Assistance Fund (WEAF) Program Cost Recovery.

The Commission finds good cause to shorten the time to respond to the Petition.

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THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That written responses to the Petition are due no later than 5 p.m., Friday, June 23, 2017.

GREGORY J. KOPTA Administrative Law Judge