BEFORE THE WASHINGTON

UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION,

Respondent.

DOCKET UG-210755

ON BEHALF OF THE WASHINGTON STATE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PUBLIC COUNSEL UNIT

EXHIBIT MAC-__X

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 69

May 25, 2022

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Docket UG-210755 Cascade Natural Gas Corporation 2021 General Rate Case

PUBLIC COUNSEL DATA REQUEST NO. 069:

Re: Revenue Requirement, Rebuttal Testimony Mark A. Chiles, Exh. MAC-4T at 29:3–6.

Mark A. Chiles states, "Also, Public Counsel did not account for the offsetting decoupled therms within its weather normalization adjustment to restated revenues. Because Cascade has a decoupling mechanism, the Company's test year is already weather normalized." Please explain why the decoupling mechanism would not be reset with the margin rates being reset.

Response:

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation ("Cascade") provides the following Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 069 relating to the Rebuttal Testimony of Mark A. Chiles in Support of Multiparty Settlement Stipulation, Exh. MAC-4T at 29:3-6:

Cascade did not state the decoupling mechanism would not be reset. The decoupling mechanism is being reset with the proposed margin rates, as reflected in Cascade's initial filing under Exh. IDM-5 and later updated to reflect the Joint Parties' Settlement in "Exh-JT-2, tab "Exh IDM-5, Decoupling Baseline".