

**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

CNGC Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 68

May 25, 2022

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

PUBLIC COUNSEL DATA REQUEST NO. 068:

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 provide workpaper references for the Company’s 2020 decoupling therm adjustment and explain why the company included a test year weather normalization adjustment if the decoupling mechanism took care of the issue.

Response:

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (“Cascade”) provides the following Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 068 relating to the Rebuttal Testimony of Mark A. Chiles in Support of Multiparty Settlement Stipulation, Exh. MAC-4T at 29:3-6:

Since Cascade removed all supplemental schedules, including decoupling, as directed in Order 05 of Cascade’s last general rate case, Docket UG-200568, then a weather normalization adjustment is appropriate. However, as illustrated on WP MEG-6.1, Public Counsel does not remove the decoupling mechanism and thus layers on an additional weather normalization revenue adjustment without removing the decoupling mechanism, which already normalizes the test year revenues. See references Exh IDM-2, Exh IDM-5, Weather Normalization tab, WACAP 2020 tab, Exh MCG-5 adjustment P-2, and the Annualized Rev Adj tab from either Cascade’s initial filing or the Joint Parties’ Settlement, for decoupling adjustments to the case. See also the “CNGC Adjustment” column in Attachment A to Cascade’s Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 70, which shows Public Counsel’s workpaper with decoupling correctly removed.