

**Exh. JG-4  
Docket UG-240008  
Witness: Jana Grenn**

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

**Complainant,**

**v.**

**CASCADE NATURAL GAS  
CORPORATION,**

**Respondent**

**DOCKET UG-240008**

**EXHIBIT TO  
TESTIMONY OF  
JANA GRENN**

**STAFF OF  
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

***CNGC's Response to UTC Staff Data Request No. 62***

**September 25, 2024**

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**Docket UG-240008  
Cascade Natural Gas Corporation  
2024 General Rate Case**

**WUTC STAFF DATA REQUEST NO. 62:**

**Re: Energy Justice and Equity**

How has the Company attempted to address equity with its outside vendors and contractors, including contracting with women, minority, disabled-, and veteran-owned businesses?

**Response:**

In 2024, the Board of Directors for Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's ("Cascade") parent company, MDU Resources Group, Inc. ("MDUR") set goals to establish a tracking mechanism for the Company's dollar spend with diverse suppliers. MDUR will work to ensure accurate tracking via its systems and will also partner with a third party to gather this data for plan-year 2024. The Company will also continue to provide assistance to interested small and minority contractors, and to educate and encourage employees, when possible and feasible, to provide opportunities for small and minority businesses. MDUR's plan is to further develop this strategy throughout 2024.