

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET UG-071676
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	ORDER 01
Complainant,)	
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v.)	
)	
CASCADE NATURAL GAS)	
CORPORATION,)	
)	ORDER APPROVING CONTRACT
Respondent.)	AMENDMENT
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On August 14, 2007, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a contract amendment to the Company’s Special Contract with Boise Cascade White Paper (Boise) to keep the contract in place for an additional five years.

- 2 Cascade has provided gas distribution service to Boise since November 8, 1995. The original special contract was approved by the Commission, in Docket UG-951064.

- 3 Cascade included in its filing, information required under WAC 480-80-143, including contract length, charges, location, and demonstration of benefits for existing customers. Staff has reviewed the contract as a new special contract and evaluated it as such. Staff has determined that the information filed meets the requirements of WAC 480-80-143.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including gas companies. *RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and RCW 80.28.*

- 5 (2) Cascade is a gas company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.

- 6 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 27, 2008.
- 7 (4) After reviewing the special contract between Cascade and Boise filed in Docket UG-071676 and giving due consideration, the Commission finds it is consistent with the public interest and is in compliance with WAC 480-80-143 and should approve the contract amendment to become effective on March 27, 2008.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 8 (1) The contract amendment Cascade Natural Gas Corporation filed in this docket on August 14, 2007, shall become effective on March 27, 2008.
- 9 (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding and Cascade Natural Gas Corporation to effectuate the terms of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Executive Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective March 27, 2008.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary