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Re: Washington Energy Assistance Fund (WEAF) Program True-Up & Tariff Revisions

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade or the Company) herewith files the following revisions to its Tariff, WN U-3, stated to become effective with service on and after November 1, 2019:

- Third Revision Sheet No. 593 Canceling Second Revision Sheet No. 593
- Third Revision of Sheet No. 303 Canceling Second Revision of Sheet No. 303
- Third Revision of Sheet No. 303-A Canceling Second Revision of Sheet No. 303-A

## **SCHEDULE 593 - WEAF FUND PROGRAM COST RECOVERY**

The purpose of the revisions to the Company's Schedule 593, Washington Energy Assistance Fund (WEAF) Program Cost Recovery, is to true-up the rates thereby collecting the budgeted amount for the 2019-2020 program year. Included in this filing are Attachments A, B and C. Attachment A shows program revenues and expenditures for the program year including projected revenues and expenses for the final month of the program year. Attachment B shows how the changes to the Schedule 593 surcharges are derived. Attachment C presents the proposed WEAF rate changes and revenue impacts by rate schedule.

Schedule 593 is herewith revised to collect \$807,624 which, in addition to fund balance carryover funding, should provide \$1,397,250 for the 2019-2020 program year. The amount of \$1,397,250 is the 2019-2020 spending cap as authorized per Order No. 05 in Docket No UG-152286.

The changes proposed herein to Schedule 593 will result in an annual revenue decrease of approximately \$16,993 or a decrease in annual revenue of 0.01%. The average residential customer using 55 therms per month will see a bill decrease of less than \$0.01 per month, an overall revenue reduction of -0.007%. The average commercial customer using 289 therms per month will see a bill decrease of approximately \$0.02 per month, an overall revenue reduction of -0.007%.

Below is a table of the proposed changes to Schedule 593 by customer rate schedule:

Service	Sch. No.	Rate Change		Prop	osed Rate Per Therm	Percent Change
Residential	503	\$	-0.00006	\$	0.00333	-0.007%
Commercial	504	\$	-0.00005	\$	0.00269	-0.007%
Industrial	505	\$	-0.00003	\$	0.00167	-0.005%
Industrial Lg Vol	511	\$	-0.00003	\$	0.00141	-0.005%
Interruptible	570	\$	-0.00001	\$	0.00050	-0.002%
Transportation	663	\$	-0.00001	\$	0.00030	-0.017%

The Company's WEAF Advisory Group was consulted about the 2019-2020 program budget during an advisory group meeting held on August 27, 2019. This budget was also distributed to all members via electronic mail.

## **SCHEDULE 303 - WEAF PROGRAM TARIFF REVISIONS**

The changes herein to the Company's Sheet No. 303 align with a proposed WEAF program change, specifically increasing the WEAF income eligibility threshold from 150% to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). The change was proposed by WUTC Staff at a meeting of the WEAF Advisory Group on August 27, 2019 and the Company subsequently approved the program change. In addition, a revision of text in Sheet No. 303 is proposed to update and alphabetize the qualifying organization listed in a table.

The change proposed to the Company's Sheet No. 303-A revises the program costs table heading to clarify that the amounts presented are authorized WEAF budget amounts. The budget amounts were authorized per Order No. 05 in Docket No UG-152286.

This filing submitted electronically includes the following files:

NEW CNGC Advice No. W19-09-06, CLtr, 09.30.19.pdf
NEW CNGC Advice No. W19-09-06, Attch A, 09.30.19.xlsx
NEW CNGC Advice No. W19-09-06, Attch B, 09.30.19.xlsx
NEW CNGC Advice No. W19-09-06, Attch C, 09.30.19.xlsx
NEW CNGC Advice No. W19-09-06, Sch 593, 09.30.19.pdf
NEW CNGC Advice No. W19-09-06, Sch 593 Leg, 09.30.19.pdf
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NEW CNGC Advice No. W19-09-06, Sch 303-A, 09.30.19.pdf
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If you have any questions, please contact me at 509-734-4593.

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Attachments