

1 **BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES**
2 **AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**
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6 In the Matter of the Petition of
7 CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION
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9 For an Order Approving a Change in
10 Depreciation Rates Applicable to Natural
11 Gas Property
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CASCADE NATURAL GAS
CORPORATION'S PETITION FOR
AN ACCOUNTING ORDER

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27 **I. INTRODUCTION**

28 In accordance with RCW 80.04.350 and WAC 480-07-370(3)(b), Cascade Natural Gas Corporation
29 ("Cascade" or "Company") petitions the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
30 ("Commission") for an accounting order authorizing a change in depreciation rates applicable to
31 Cascade's natural gas plant consistent with the depreciation study conducted by a third-party evaluator,
32 Concentric Energy Advisors ("Concentric"). Cascade requests that the accounting order allow the new
33 depreciation rates to be retroactively effective to January 1, 2025.

34 Cascade is a gas utility and public service company doing business in the state of Washington
under RCW 80.04.010, and its public utility operations, retail rates, service, and accounting practices are
subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. The Company's principal place of business is 8113 W.
Grandridge Blvd., Kennewick, WA 99336.

27 **II. COMMUNICATIONS**

28 Cascade hereby waives service by means of other than service by electronic mail. Consistent
29 with that waiver, please address communications regarding this Application to each of the following:

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1 **III. DISCUSSION**

2 Cascade files this Petition under RCW 80.04.350, which authorizes the Commission to determine
3 the proper and adequate rates of depreciation of property used in the rendering of retail natural gas
4 service. Under this statute, the Commission may ascertain and set the proper and adequate rates of
5 depreciation of utility property. Each utility must conform its depreciation accounts to the rates ordered
6 by the Commission.

7 Cascade retained Concentric to perform the depreciation study (“Study”), and in March of this
8 year Cascade received the results of the Study which is based on gas plant in service as of December 31,
9 2023. The results of the Study show that the Company’s current depreciation expense, which is based
10 on rates developed from the previous depreciation study performed on plant in service as of December
11 31, 2018, should be increased by approximately \$317,000 on a system basis. Cascade proposes to
12 replace the depreciation rates that have been in effect since January 1, 2021, with the new rates
13 recommended in the Study.

14 Cascade currently has a similar petition pending before the Oregon Public Utility Commission
15 and the Company is asking that the results of this proceeding be coordinated with the results of the
16 proceeding in Oregon.

17 **IV. REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

18 Cascade respectfully requests that the Commission issue an accounting order for the following:

- 19 a. Authorize Cascade to update its depreciation rates in accordance with the
20 recommendations provided in the Study retroactively effective to January 1, 2025, and
- 21 b. Coordinate the results of this proceeding with the results of the proceeding before the
22 Oregon Public Utility Commission.

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Sincerely,

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