

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

CASCADE NATURAL GAS
CORPORATION,

Respondent.

DOCKET UG-210755

OFFER OF PUBLIC COMMENT
EXHIBIT
BENCH REQUEST NO. 5

1. The Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General's Office (Public Counsel) hereby offers this Public Comment Exhibit Bench Request No. 5 (BR-5) for admission into the record of the proceeding.
2. Public Comment Exhibit No. BR-5. The exhibit consists of e-mails and a letter submitted by members of the public to provide comment on the Cascade Natural Gas (Cascade or Company) General Rate Case, Docket UG-210755. These customer comments were submitted to the Commission and to Public Counsel. On May 2, 2022, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC or Commission) issued a Notice of Virtual Public Comment Hearing (Notice) scheduled for 6 p.m. on May 25, 2022.¹ The Commission and Public Counsel received and compiled remarks from customers in response to the Company's Notice of Proposed Rate Increase.² Customers provided comments via-email and through the Commission's online comment web portal.
3. Commission Consumer Protection and Communications Staff documented these comments in a database matrix. The output from this database is included as Attachment 1³ to

¹ Notice of Virtual Public Comment Hearing (filed May 2, 2022).

² Customer Notice of Cascade Natural Gas (filed Mar. 3, 2022).

³ See Attachment 1 (WUTC Public Comment Matrix).

this exhibit, and this file provides all comments submitted to the Commission in response to the Notice through the date of the hearing for this Docket, on June 1, 2022. Commission staff provided the output shown in Attachment 1 to Public Counsel on June 3, 2022, and confirmed that all of these comments were submitted to the UTC on or before May 25, 2022. In addition, Public Counsel received a total of one comment via e-mail, and another through United States Postal Service mail, which are included as Attachment 2 to this exhibit.⁴

4. The submitted material has been counted as follows:

a. Comments received by WUTC

Opposing the rate increase	10
Supporting the rate increase	0
Undecided comments	0

b. Comments received by Public Counsel

Opposing the rate increase	2
Supporting the rate increase	0
Undecided Comments	0

5. Public Counsel submits a total of 12 public comments in this exhibit. Of these, 12 oppose the requested rate increase.

DATED this 9th day of June, 2022.

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⁴ See Attachment 2 (Customer Comments received by Public Counsel).