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From: Tammy Jeffries <tammy_the_mommy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 26, 2022 6:59 PM
To: ATG WWW E-mail Public Counsel
Subject: Re: Cascade Natural Gas's Proposed Rate Increase

[EXTERNAL]

In addition, please note that I did not receive my bill with the Notice of Proposed Rate Increases, which included the information for attending or giving public comment at the virtual hearing meeting until March 26, 2022. A day after the meeting.

Again, thank you,
Tammy Jeffries

On Saturday, March 26, 2022, 06:33:07 PM PDT, Tammy Jeffries <tammy_the_mommy@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hello,

I have a household of grown adults that cannot afford to rent an apartment on their own working part-time jobs, taking extra shifts, etc. I understand with the shortage of natural resources and the current political environment that an increase may be necessary, but it does not go down once it goes up. I would like to see the proposed increase of 5.12 percent be halved to allow people who are still struggling to recoup and not on state aid to be able to manage the financial burden that utility increases (and, yes, this includes Puget Sound Energy's rates!) only add to.

Thank you for your consideration of my comment and request.

Sincerely,

Tammy Jeffries
6730 Wellington Lane NE
Bremerton, WA 98311
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Cascade Natural Gas

5/13/22

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To: Public Counsel Unit

Re: Proposed Rate Increase

I'm want my letter to be submitted at the hearing.

Please do not raise natural gas rates. Money is very short in my household. Another rate or service charge increase will make life even more difficult.

Thank you

Jeanne Pocock

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Sedro Woolley WA 98284

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Public Comment Hearing

The UTC will conduct a virtual public hearing to take comments from the public. You can participate via the Zoom link or by phone:

May 25, 2022 at 6pm

- For Zoom: <https://utc-wa-gov.zoom.us>; Meeting ID: 929 6591 0126; Password: 860071
- To call in: (253) 215-8782 (or to find a local number: <https://utc-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/92965910126>)
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If you plan to participate, please call 888-333-9882 at least one day before the hearing to sign in. When you join the hearing via Zoom, please mute your connection using the button with the image of a microphone. If participating via phone, press *6 or mute your phone.

Note: The Commissioners function as judges in adjudicated cases such as this general rate case and cannot answer questions. This comment hearing is to take comments from the public. If you have questions, please contact commission staff or Cascade Natural Gas with the contact information provided below.

Share your comments with the UTC

Please include your name, mailing address, reference Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, and Docket UG-210755 in your comment. Submit your comment in one of the following ways:

- **UTC website:** <https://www.utc.wa.gov/consumers/submit-comment> .
- **Email:** comments@utc.wa.gov
- **Phone:** 1-888-333-9882
- **In writing:**
 - UTC
 - PO Box 47250
 - Olympia, WA 98504-7250

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Public Counsel

The Public Counsel Unit of the Washington State Attorney General's Office represents residential and small business customers. You may contact Public Counsel in writing:

Public Counsel Unit

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation proposes a 5.12 percent or \$13.7 million increase in natural gas rates.

On September 30, 2021, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade) filed a general rate request with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to increase gas base rates. The main drivers of Cascade's request with the UTC to increase prices are the capital investments Cascade has made in its natural gas distribution system, as well as increased costs to operate and maintain that system. If approved, the filed request would increase annual natural gas base revenues by \$13.7 million or 5.12 percent; this request includes a rate of return of 6.93 percent. The UTC has up to 11 months to review the filing; if approved, changes will go into effect no later than September 1, 2022.

Bill Impacts: A typical residential customer using 54 therms per month would see a 5.34 percent or \$2.89 increase to their bill. A typical small commercial customer using 271 therms per month would see a 5.05 percent or \$12.23 increase to their bill, while a typical industrial customer using 1,992 therms per month would see a 3.83 percent or \$59.85 increase to their bill.

Below is a chart showing what the typical customer in each customer class pays per month and what that customer would pay if the Company's rate case proposal is approved.

Type of Service	Current Rate**	Current Average Bill*	Proposed Rate**	Proposed Average Bill*	Percent Change in Bill
Residential, Schedule 503	\$0.91169	\$54.08	\$0.96532	\$56.97	5.34%
Commercial, Schedule 504	\$0.84413	\$242.11	\$0.88920	\$254.34	5.05%
Industrial Firm, Schedule 505	\$0.78232	\$1,563.89	\$0.81708	\$1,623.74	3.83%
Com-Ind Dual Service, Schedule 511	\$0.73584	\$12,368.41	\$0.76356	\$12,829.57	3.73%
Industrial Interruptible, Schedule 570	\$0.68492	\$16,075.99	\$0.70042	\$16,436.18	2.24%
Transport, Schedule 663	\$0.05987	\$12,940.93	\$0.07016	\$14,712.80	13.69%

* The average bill includes the monthly basic charge which has not changed with this filing.

** Due to tiered rate structures based on individual customer consumption, Rate Schedules 505, 511, 570, and 663 reflect average rates.

General Rate Case Information