

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

CASCADE NATURAL GAS CO.,

Respondent.

DOCKET PG-230800

ORDER 03

GRANTING JOINT MOTION TO
MODIFY PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE

BACKGROUND

- 1 On March 27, 2025, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) on its own motion and through Commission staff (Staff) issued a complaint against Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade or Company).
- 2 On May 5, 2025, the Commission issued Order 01 Protective Order.
- 3 On May 9, 2025, the Commission issued Order 02, establishing a procedural schedule for this matter and setting an evidentiary hearing for October 24, 2025.
- 4 On June 30, 2025, Staff filed a Joint Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule (Motion), requesting that the Commission amend the procedural schedule in this docket and setting the hearing for a date in early December.
- 5 Staff notes that all parties agree to amending the procedural schedule and that no party will be prejudiced by the modification.¹ Further, Staff notes that unexpected personal matters have delayed settlement discussions and that moving the hearing date is now needed due to Staff availability.²

¹ Staff's Motion, *WUTC v. Cascade Natural Gas Co.*, Docket PG-230800 at ¶¶ 5-6 (Jun. 30, 2025).

² Staff's Motion, *WUTC v. Cascade Natural Gas Co.*, Docket PG-230800 at ¶¶ 5-6 (Jun. 30, 2025).

- 6 Staff notes that pursuant to Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-107-017(4), the deadline for Commission action on PacifiCorp's Draft 2025 RFP would be August 25, 2025. In effect, Staff is asking for a limited extension, so that this matter may be heard at the second open meeting in August. Staff's Petition asserts that PacifiCorp agrees with Staff's request.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

- 7 Staff's Petition requests a reasonable amendment to the procedural schedule in this matter. As Staff asserts, because this is a joint motion supported by all parties to the docket, no party will be prejudiced by the amended schedule. Further, the Commission finds it will not be prejudiced by the amendments proposed.
- 8 The Commission finds good cause to modify the procedural schedule as shown in Appendix A. The Evidentiary Hearing in this matter is rescheduled for a hybrid hearing before the Commission beginning at 9:00 a.m. on December 10, 2025.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 9 (1) The Commission is an agency of the state of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, regulations, and practices of public service companies, including natural gas companies.
- 10 (2) Cascade is a natural gas company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 11 (3) Staff filed a Joint Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule on June 30, 2025.
- 12 (4) No party in this matter will be prejudiced by the modifications proposed by Staff.
- 13 (5) After reviewing Staff's Motion in Docket PG-230800 and giving due consideration to all relevant matters, the Commission finds good cause to grant Staff's Motion.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 14 (1) Commission Staff's Joint Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule filed June 30, 2025, is GRANTED, and the Procedural Schedule is amended as shown in Appendix A.

- 15 (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over this matter.

DATED at Lacey, Washington July 8, 2025.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

/s/ Connor Thompson
CONNOR THOMPSON
Administrative Law Judge

NOTICE TO PARTIES

This is an Initial Order. The action proposed in this Initial Order is not yet effective. If you disagree with this Initial Order and want the Commission to consider your comments, you must take specific action within the time limits outlined below. If you agree with this Initial Order, and you would like the Order to become final before the time limits expire, you may send a letter to the Commission, waiving your right to petition for administrative review.

WAC 480-07-825(2) provides that any party to this proceeding has twenty (20) days after the entry of this Initial Order to file a *Petition for Review*. What must be included in any Petition and other requirements for a Petition are stated in WAC 480-07-610(7)(b). WAC 480-07-610(7)(c) states that any party may file a *Response* to a Petition for review within seven (7) days after service of the Petition.

WAC 480-07-830 provides that before entry of a Final Order any party may file a Petition to Reopen a contested proceeding to permit receipt of evidence essential to a decision, but unavailable and not reasonably discoverable at the time of hearing, or for other good and sufficient cause. No Answer to a Petition to Reopen will be accepted for filing absent express notice by the Commission calling for such answer.

RCW 80.01.060(3) provides that an Initial Order will become final without further Commission action if no party seeks administrative review of the Initial Order and if the Commission fails to exercise administrative review on its own motion.

Any Petition or Response must be electronically filed through the Commission's web portal as required by WAC 480-07-140(5). Any Petition or Response filed must also be electronically served on each party of record as required by WAC 480-07-140(1)(b).

**APPENDIX A
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

EVENT	DATE
Complaint Filing	March 27, 2025
Prehearing Conference	April 25, 2025
First Settlement Conference (parties only)	May 20, 2025
Second Settlement Conference (parties only)	June 25, 2025
Staff's Direct Testimony and Exhibits*	August 12, 2025
Public Counsel, Cascade, and Intervenor Response Testimony and Exhibits	September 19, 2025
Third Settlement Conference (parties only)	September 30, 2025
Rebuttal and Cross Answering Testimony and Exhibits	October 21, 2025
Discovery Deadline – Last Day to Issue DR	November 3, 2025
Exhibit Lists, Cross Exhibits, Witness Lists, Time Estimates, Exhibit Errata	November 18, 2025
Evidentiary Hearing	December 10, 2025
Post Hearing Briefs	January 13, 2026
* Response times for discovery requests limited to 10 business days.	