

Exhibit No. __ (PJA-1T)
Docket No. UG-19__
Witness: Pamela J. Archer

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,
Complainant,

v.

CASCADE NATURAL GAS
CORPORATION,
Respondent.

DOCKET UG-19_____

**CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION
DIRECT TESTIMONY OF PAMELA J. ARCHER**

March 29, 2019

I. INTRODUCTION

1 **Q. Please state your name, business address, and present position with Cascade Natural**
2 **Gas Corporation (“Cascade” or “Company”).**

3 A. My name is Pamela J. Archer and my business address is 8113 W. Grandridge Blvd.,
4 Kennewick, WA 99336. My present position is Supervisor, Regulatory Analysis for
5 Cascade, a wholly-owned subsidiary of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (“MDU Resources”).

6 **Q. Would you briefly describe your duties?**

7 A. Yes. I supervise the preparation of regulatory reports and rate/tariff filings for regulatory
8 approval, as well as provide regulatory and tariff advice and knowledge to others within
9 the Company.

10 **Q. Please briefly describe your educational background and professional experience.**

11 A. I am a 1992 graduate of The Ohio State University with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering.
12 In 1996, I graduated from Ashland University with a Master of Business Administration
13 Degree. Prior to joining Cascade in September 2010, I was employed as an Energy
14 Specialist at the Office of the Ohio Consumers’ Counsel for fifteen years. I have received
15 additional training at the Annual Regulatory Studies Program sponsored by the National
16 Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”) at Michigan State
17 University in 1992 as well as at multiple NARUC sponsored events. I have also taken
18 post-graduate courses in Managerial Accounting, Corporate Finance, and Business Law at
19 The Ohio State University.

20 **Q. Have you previously testified before the Washington Utilities and Transportation**
21 **Commission (“Commission”)?**

1 A. Yes. I have testified before the Commission in Cascade's 2015 general rate case in Docket
2 UG-152286.

3 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

4 A. The purpose of my testimony is to introduce all proposed changes to Cascade's current rate
5 schedules. The proposed tariff, as well as all legislative tariffs containing the changes in
6 red-lined, strike-out text is included in this filing as attachments A and B to the cover letter
7 accompanying Cascade's general rate case filing, respectively. The proposed tariff is also
8 introduced into the record under my testimony as Exhibit No. __ (PJA-2).

9 **Q. Would you please explain what is contained in Exhibit No. __ (PJA-2)?**

10 A. Yes. Exhibit No. __ (PJA-2) contains a copy of the Company's proposed tariff sheets that
11 are being presented in this case

12 **Q. Did you rely on data or information provided by other witnesses to prepare the tariff
13 sheets?**

14 A. Yes. I relied on testimony and exhibits provided by Mr. Isaac D. Myhrum and Ms.
15 Maryalice C. Peters.

16 **Q. What substantive changes is the Company making to its Tariff?**

17 A. The Company is filing the following revised Sheets:

- 18 • Fifth Revision Sheet No. 25
- 19 • Sixty-First Revision Sheet No. 503
- 20 • Forty-Fifth Revision Sheet No. 504
- 21 • Forty-Fourth Revision Sheet No. 505
- 22 • Sixty-First Revision Sheet No. 511

- 1 • Fifty-Fifth Revision Sheet No. 570
2 • Nineteenth Revision Sheet No. 663

3 **Q. Please explain the changes that are non-housekeeping in nature.**

4 A. Cascade proposes revising Schedule Nos. 503, 504, 505, 511, 570, and 663 to include
5 changes to rates, as discussed in the testimony of Company witnesses Mr. Myhrum and
6 Ms. Peters. In addition, I am updating Rule 21, Decoupling Mechanism, also discussed in
7 Mr. Myhrum’s testimony.

8 **Q. Are you proposing any other revisions to the rates or values reflected in the Tariff?**

9 A. Yes. The Company proposes that the Gross Revenue Fee in Rate Schedule 663 decrease
10 from 4.431 percent to 4.362 percent, consistent with the changes to the percentage applied
11 to bills to cover the costs for uncollectibles, state Business and Operating (“B&O”) tax and
12 Commission fees, as shown in Ms. Peters’ Exhibit No. __ MCP-4.

13 The Company also proposes an update to the lost and unaccounted for percentage in Rate
14 Schedule 663, increasing the percentage from 0.1615 percent to .2479 percent.

15 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

16 A. Yes.