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Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission P. O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: Cascade Natural Gas Company - Decoupling Third-Party Audit Docket UG-152286

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

On July 7, 2016, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 04, Final Order Approving Settlement Agreement. Order 04, among other things, required Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade or Company) to file a third-party program audit of its decoupling mechanism following the end of the third full year.¹

On March 12, 2021, Cascade filed with the Commission a third-party evaluation report of its decoupling mechanism for the 2017-2019 period. The Company filed a replacement report on September 23, adding a new section on Cost-of-Service Analysis. The final report addressed all three areas of interest as outlined in the Joint Settlement Agreement approved in Order 04.²

Commission Staff reviewed the decoupling program evaluation report provided by Cascade dated March 12, updated September 23, and finds that it complies with the Commission's Order 04, entered July 7, 2016.

Sincerely,

Betty Erdahl Regulatory Analyst

¹ Order 04, \P 8.

²Order 04, Exhibit A, Joint Settlement Agreement, ¶ 9.