

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET UG-090267
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CASCADE NATURAL GAS)	ORDER 01
CORPORATION,)	
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING LESS THAN
For Less Than Statutory Notice in)	STATUTORY NOTICE; ALLOWING
Connection with Tariff Revisions)	TARIFF REVISIONS
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On February 18, 2009, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, (Cascade or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a revision to its currently effective Tariff WN U-3, designated as Second Revision Sheet 300. This filing corrects an error in the Company’s residential conservation-related tariff. The Company believes the tariff should have stated the minimum requirement for receiving an incentive for floor insulation was “R-30 or to fill cavity” rather than the “greater than R-11” included in the tariff. The Company confirms that its third-party conservation service delivery contractor has been installing R-30 floor insulation.
- 2 RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121 require thirty days’ notice to the Commission prior to the effective date of the tariff. The tariff sheet bears an effective date of March 20, 2009. This date recognizes the required 30-day statutory notice. The Company requests, however, less than statutory notice as permitted by WAC 480-80-122, and that the revision becomes effective March 13, 2009. Cascade requests less than statutory notice because the floor insulation standards were inadvertently misstated in the tariff, and the error should be corrected as quickly as possible.
- 3 Since the proposed tariff revision appears to be fair, just, reasonable and sufficient, and less than statutory notice is consistent with the public interest, it is appropriate that the Commission grant Cascade’s request with an effective date of March 13, 2009.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates,

regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including gas companies. *RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and RCW 80.28.*

- 5 (2) Cascade is a natural gas company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 6 (3) Cascade is subject to RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121, which require gas companies to file changes in any rule or regulation relating to any rate, charge or service with thirty days' notice. For good cause shown, however, the Commission may allow changes without requiring thirty days notice by order specifying the changes to be made and the time when it shall take effect. *RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-122.*
- 7 (5) Staff has reviewed Cascade's request in Docket UG-090267 and recommends the Commission grant the Company's request for less than statutory notice.
- 8 (6) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 12, 2009.
- 9 (7) After reviewing Cascade's proposed tariff revision filed on February 18, 2009, and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds the proposed tariff revision should become effective March 13, 2009.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's request for less than statutory notice is granted.
- 11 (2) The tariff revisions Cascade Natural Gas Corporation filed on February 18, 2009, will be effective on March 13, 2009.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective March 12, 2009.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary