

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	DOCKETS UG-210755
Complainant,	ORDER 10
v.	GRANTING MOTION TO EXTEND TIMELINE FOR PUBLIC COUNSEL’S LETTER
CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION,	
Respondent.	

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On September 30, 2021, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its Tariff WN U-3, Natural Gas.
- 2 On August 23, 2022, the Commission entered Final Order 09 in this Docket (Order 09). Among other things, Order 09 required all parties to file a letter in connection with the collaborative resolution of issues related to the treatment of protected-plus excess deferred income taxes (PP EDIT) within 60 days.<sup>1</sup>
- 3 On October 21, 2022, the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington State Attorney General’s Office (Public Counsel) filed a Motion to Extend the Deadline for Public Counsel to file its letter in connection with the collaborative resolution of PP EDIT issues (Motion). In its Motion, Public Counsel requests an additional week to obtain authorization to file its letter. Public Counsel also informed the parties via email on October 20, 2022, that such an extension may be necessary.

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<sup>1</sup> WAC 480-07-385(2); see *Wash. Utils. & Transp. Comm’n v. Cascade Nat. Gas Corp.*, UG-210755 Order 09 ¶¶ 178–181 & fn.184 (Aug. 23, 2022).

**DISCUSSION**

- 4 Pursuant to WAC 480-07-385, the Commission will grant a continuance if the requesting party demonstrates good cause for the continuance and the continuance will not prejudice any party or the Commission. We grant Public Counsel’s Motion for the following reasons.
- 5 Public Counsel represents residential and small business ratepayers in proceedings before the Commission,<sup>2</sup> and must obtain authorization regarding its positions in formal adjudications. The Commission recognizes that this process sometimes impacts Public Counsel’s ability to make timely filings. Public Counsel notified the other parties, and no party objected. We find that there is good cause to grant the continuance, and that a one-week delay will not prejudice any party or the Commission. Accordingly, we extend the deadline for Public Counsel to file its letter regarding the 60-day compliance filing in this Docket until Friday, October 28, 2022.

**ORDER**

- 6 **THE COMMISSION ORDERS** That the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington State Attorney General’s Office’s Motion to Extend the Deadline for Filing is GRANTED.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective October 25, 2022.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

*/s/ Samantha Doyle*  
SAMANTHA DOYLE  
Administrative Law Judge

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<sup>2</sup> See RCW 80.01.100, RCW 80.04.510, & RCW 81,04.500.