

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

CASCADE NATURAL GAS COMPANY.

Respondent.

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DOCKET UG-240008

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ON BEHALF OF THE  
WASHINGTON STATE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
PUBLIC COUNSEL UNIT**

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**EXHIBIT JAL-4**

Cascade's Response to UTC Staff Data Request No. 29

**September 25, 2024**

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**Docket UG-240008  
Cascade Natural Gas Corporation  
2024 General Rate Case**

**WUTC STAFF DATA REQUEST NO. 29:**

**Re: 2024 Provisional Plant Additions Adjustment**

Referring to Mr. Jacob A. Darrington’s workpaper file entitled “240008-CNGC-Exh-JAD-2-through-JAD-8-3-29-24,” worksheet “Provisional Plant Additions,” Cell C12, please provide the rationale, calculation and its supporting documents of the “Less Estimated Retirements” using 2.9% as the plant retirement rate.

**Response:**

It is difficult to forecast known retirements. As such, at the time of implementation of its fixed asset software, PowerPlan, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (“Cascade”) established a percentage of plant additions that result in a retirement. At that time Cascade determined 2.9% to be an appropriate estimate to use when forecasting retirements as a percentage of forecasted plant additions. Cascade has been using the same percentage for all retirement forecasts since implementation of PowerPlan.