

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

CASCADE NATURAL GAS COMPANY.

Respondent.

DOCKET UG-240008

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

EXHIBIT SDV-6

Cascade's Response to Public Counsel Data Request No(s). 6 & 7

September 25, 2024

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

PUBLIC COUNSEL DATA REQUEST NO. 06:

Re: Line Extension Allowances

For each customer class, please provide the average line extension allowance that the Company paid out in every year since 2019.

Response:

As explained in its response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 01, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (“Cascade”) has the ability to identify main line and service line investments related to customer growth (i.e., line extension), but it cannot identify other line extension investments (e.g., meters, regulators, etc.) as specifically relating to customer growth. Additionally, Cascade does not track its line extension investments by customer or rate schedule.

Please see Attachment A “240008-CNGC-Resp-PC DR-06-Attach A.xlsx” to Cascade’s Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 06 for the total and average main and service line extension investment between 2020-2023. The average main and service line extension investment amounts were calculated using the total investment amount reported in the response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 01, divided by total service line extension counts in each of the years provided. Please note, the service line counts included in this response are not tracked in the same system that provided the total investment amounts and, therefore, the service line counts are not necessarily related to the investment amounts due to timing. However, in order to be responsive, Cascade is providing these service line counts to provide a high-level estimate of the average main and service line extension investment between 2020-2023. Additionally, please note, Cascade does not pay out allowances to customers; rather, it calculates an allowance towards the estimated cost of extending distribution facilities to the customer. If the estimated project cost exceeds the calculated allowance, the customer must fund the difference.