**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**Docket UG-240008**

**Cascade Natural Gas Corporation**

**2024 General Rate Case**

**WUTC STAFF DATA REQUEST NO. 96:**

**Re: Capital Additions**

Cascade plans at least some gas line extensions based on Rule 8 (WN U-3 16th rev. sheet no. 12), which was last updated on 09/01/2022. *See* Darras, Exh. PCD-1T at 45:7.

1. How often is this policy updated? When does Cascade expect, in the future, to update it again?
2. Will this policy be affected by Washington State legislation regarding natural gas use in residential and commercial properties (e.g. SB 5973)?
3. Does this policy account for building code updates when incorporating cost of line extension?

**Response:**

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation’s (“Cascade”) Response to WUTC Staff Data Request No. 96 is as follows:

1. At this time, Cascade anticipates there will be a need to update Rule 8 after the conclusion of this general rate case when the average use per customer will most likely change from the average usage in the current Rule 8.
2. No. Although, there may be fewer requests for natural gas service as a result of Washington State legislation.
3. The building code changes would not necessarily impact Rule 8 for line extensions, however, the codes could impact the number of customers requesting natural gas service.