

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

CASCADE NATURAL GAS COMPANY.

Respondent.

DOCKET UG-240008

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EXHIBIT SDV-13

Cascade's Response to Staff Data Request No. 96

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. 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.

- a. How often is this policy updated? When does Cascade expect, in the future, to update it again?
- b. Will this policy be affected by Washington State legislation regarding natural gas use in residential and commercial properties (e.g. SB 5973)?
- c. 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:

- a. 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.
- b. No. Although, there may be fewer requests for natural gas service as a result of Washington State legislation.
- c. 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.