

**Exh. DCP-4
Docket UG-170929
Witness: David C. Parcell**

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

Complainant,

v.

**CASCADE NATURAL GAS
CORPORATION,**

Respondent.

DOCKET UG-170929

**EXHIBIT TO
TESTIMONY OF**

David C. Parcell

**ON BEHALF OF STAFF OF
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

Economic Indicators

February 15, 2018

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Year	Real GDP* Growth	Industrial Production Growth	Unemployment Rate	Consumer Price Index
1975 - 1982 Cycle				
1975	-1.1%	-8.9%	8.5%	7.0%
1976	5.4%	10.8%	7.7%	4.8%
1977	5.5%	5.9%	7.0%	6.8%
1978	5.0%	5.7%	6.0%	9.0%
1979	2.8%	4.4%	5.8%	13.3%
1980	-0.2%	-1.9%	7.0%	12.4%
1981	1.8%	1.9%	7.5%	8.9%
1982	-2.1%	-4.4%	9.5%	3.8%
1983 - 1991 Cycle				
1983	4.0%	3.7%	9.5%	3.8%
1984	6.8%	9.3%	7.5%	3.9%
1985	3.7%	1.7%	7.2%	3.8%
1986	3.1%	0.9%	7.0%	1.1%
1987	2.9%	4.9%	6.2%	4.4%
1988	3.8%	4.5%	5.5%	4.4%
1989	3.5%	1.8%	5.3%	4.6%
1990	1.8%	-0.2%	5.6%	6.1%
1991	-0.5%	-2.0%	6.8%	3.1%
1992 - 2001 Cycle				
1992	3.0%	3.1%	7.5%	2.9%
1993	2.7%	3.4%	6.9%	2.7%
1994	4.0%	5.5%	6.1%	2.7%
1995	3.7%	4.8%	5.6%	2.5%
1996	4.5%	4.3%	5.4%	3.3%
1997	4.5%	7.3%	4.9%	1.7%
1998	4.2%	5.8%	4.5%	1.6%
1999	3.7%	4.5%	4.2%	2.7%
2000	4.1%	4.0%	4.0%	3.4%
2001	1.1%	-3.4%	4.7%	1.6%
2002 - 2009 Cycle				
2002	1.8%	0.2%	5.8%	2.4%
2003	2.8%	1.2%	6.0%	1.9%
2004	3.8%	2.3%	5.5%	3.3%
2005	3.3%	3.2%	5.1%	3.4%
2006	2.7%	2.2%	4.6%	2.5%
2007	1.8%	2.5%	4.6%	4.1%
2008	-0.3%	-3.5%	5.8%	0.1%
2009	-2.8%	-11.5%	9.3%	2.7%
Current Cycle				
2010	2.5%	5.5%	9.6%	1.5%
2011	1.6%	3.1%	8.9%	3.0%
2012	2.2%	2.9%	8.1%	1.7%
2013	1.7%	2.0%	7.4%	1.5%
2014	2.6%	3.1%	6.2%	0.8%
2015	2.9%	-0.7%	5.3%	0.7%
2016	1.5%	-1.2%	4.9%	2.1%
2017	2.3%	1.8%	4.4%	2.1%
Q1	1.2%	0.6%	4.7%	1.6%
Q2	3.1%	2.1%	4.3%	0.4%
Q3	3.2%	1.6%	4.3%	4.0%
Q4	2.6%	3.5%	4.1%	2.4%

*GDP=Gross Domestic Product

Source: Council of Economic Advisors, Economic Indicators, various issues.

INTEREST RATES

Year	Prime Rate	US Treasury T Bills 3 Month	US Treasury T Bonds 10 Year	Utility Bonds Aaa	Utility Bonds Aa	Utility Bonds A	Utility Bonds Baa
1975 - 1982 Cycle							
1975	7.86%	5.84%	7.99%	9.03%	9.44%	10.09%	10.96%
1976	6.84%	4.99%	7.61%	8.63%	8.92%	9.29%	9.82%
1977	6.83%	5.27%	7.42%	8.19%	8.43%	8.61%	9.06%
1978	9.06%	7.22%	8.41%	8.87%	9.10%	9.29%	9.62%
1979	12.67%	10.04%	9.44%	9.86%	10.22%	10.49%	10.96%
1980	15.27%	11.51%	11.46%	12.30%	13.00%	13.34%	13.95%
1981	18.89%	14.03%	13.93%	14.64%	15.30%	15.95%	16.60%
1982	14.86%	10.69%	13.00%	14.22%	14.79%	15.86%	16.45%
1983 - 1991 Cycle							
1983	10.79%	8.63%	11.10%	12.52%	12.83%	13.66%	14.20%
1984	12.04%	9.58%	12.44%	12.72%	13.66%	14.03%	14.53%
1985	9.93%	7.48%	10.62%	11.68%	12.06%	12.47%	12.96%
1986	8.33%	5.98%	7.68%	8.92%	9.30%	9.58%	10.00%
1987	8.21%	5.82%	8.39%	9.52%	9.77%	10.10%	10.53%
1988	9.32%	6.69%	8.85%	10.05%	10.26%	10.49%	11.00%
1989	10.87%	8.12%	8.49%	9.32%	9.56%	9.77%	9.97%
1990	10.01%	7.51%	8.55%	9.45%	9.65%	9.86%	10.06%
1991	8.46%	5.42%	7.86%	8.85%	9.09%	9.36%	9.55%
1992 - 2001 Cycle							
1992	6.25%	3.45%	7.01%	8.19%	8.55%	8.69%	8.86%
1993	6.00%	3.02%	5.87%	7.29%	7.44%	7.59%	7.91%
1994	7.15%	4.29%	7.09%	8.07%	8.21%	8.31%	8.63%
1995	8.83%	5.51%	6.57%	7.68%	7.77%	7.89%	8.29%
1996	8.27%	5.02%	6.44%	7.48%	7.57%	7.75%	8.16%
1997	8.44%	5.07%	6.35%	7.43%	7.54%	7.60%	7.95%
1998	8.35%	4.81%	5.26%	6.77%	6.91%	7.04%	7.26%
1999	8.00%	4.66%	5.65%	7.21%	7.51%	7.62%	7.88%
2000	9.23%	5.85%	6.03%	7.88%	8.06%	8.24%	8.36%
2001	6.91%	3.44%	5.02%	7.47%	7.59%	7.78%	8.02%
2002 - 2009 Cycle							
2002	4.67%	1.62%	4.61%		[1] 7.19%	7.37%	8.02%
2003	4.12%	1.01%	4.01%		6.40%	6.58%	6.84%
2004	4.34%	1.38%	4.27%		6.04%	6.16%	6.40%
2005	6.19%	3.16%	4.29%		5.44%	5.65%	5.93%
2006	7.96%	4.73%	4.80%		5.84%	6.07%	6.32%
2007	8.05%	4.41%	4.63%		5.94%	6.07%	6.33%
2008	5.09%	1.48%	3.66%		6.18%	6.53%	7.25%
2009	3.25%	0.16%	3.26%		5.75%	6.04%	7.06%
Current Cycle							
2010	3.25%	0.14%	3.22%		5.24%	5.46%	5.96%
2011	3.25%	0.06%	2.78%		4.78%	5.04%	5.57%
2012	3.25%	0.09%	1.80%		3.83%	4.13%	4.86%
2013	3.25%	0.06%	2.35%		4.24%	4.47%	4.98%
2014	3.25%	0.03%	2.54%		4.19%	4.28%	4.80%
2015	3.26%	0.06%	2.14%		4.00%	4.12%	5.03%
2016	3.51%	0.33%	1.84%		3.73%	3.93%	4.69%
2017	4.10%	0.94%	2.33%		3.82%	4.00%	4.38%
Jan	3.75%	0.52%	2.43%		3.96%	4.14%	4.62%
Feb	3.75%	0.53%	2.42%		3.99%	4.18%	4.58%
Mar	4.00%	0.72%	2.48%		4.04%	4.23%	4.62%
Apr	4.00%	0.81%	2.30%		3.93%	4.12%	4.51%
May	4.00%	0.89%	2.30%		3.94%	4.12%	4.50%
Jun	4.25%	0.99%	2.19%		3.77%	3.94%	4.32%
Jul	4.25%	1.08%	2.32%		3.82%	3.99%	4.36%
Aug	4.25%	1.03%	2.21%		3.67%	3.86%	4.23%
Sep	4.25%	1.04%	2.20%		3.70%	3.87%	4.24%
Oct	4.25%	1.08%	2.36%		3.74%	3.91%	4.26%
Nov	4.25%	1.23%	2.35%		3.65%	3.83%	4.16%
Dec	4.50%	1.35%	2.40%		3.62%	3.79%	4.14%
2018							
Jan	4.50%	1.43%	2.58%		3.69%	3.86%	4.18%

[1] Note: Moody's has not published Aaa utility bond yields since 2001.

Sources: Council of Economic Advisors, Economic Indicators; Moody's Bond Record.

STOCK PRICE INDICATORS

	S&P Composite [1]	NASDAQ Composite [1]	DJIA	S&P D/P	S&P E/P
1975 - 1982 Cycle					
1975			802.49	4.31%	9.15%
1976			974.92	3.77%	8.90%
1977			894.63	4.62%	10.79%
1978			820.23	5.28%	12.03%
1979			844.40	5.47%	13.46%
1980			891.41	5.26%	12.66%
1981			932.92	5.20%	11.96%
1982			884.36	5.81%	11.60%
1983 - 1991 Cycle					
1983			1,190.34	4.40%	8.03%
1984			1,178.48	4.64%	10.02%
1985			1,328.23	4.25%	8.12%
1986			1,792.76	3.49%	6.09%
1987			2,275.99	3.08%	5.48%
1988	[1]	[1]	2,060.82	3.64%	8.01%
1989	322.84		2,508.91	3.45%	7.41%
1990	334.59		2,678.94	3.61%	6.47%
1991	376.18	491.69	2,929.33	3.24%	4.79%
1992 - 2001 Cycle					
1992	415.74	\$599.26	3,284.29	2.99%	4.22%
1993	451.21	715.16	3,522.06	2.78%	4.46%
1994	460.42	751.65	3,793.77	2.82%	5.83%
1995	541.72	925.19	4,493.76	2.56%	6.09%
1996	670.50	1,164.96	5,742.89	2.19%	5.24%
1997	873.43	1,469.49	7,441.15	1.77%	4.57%
1998	1,085.50	1,794.91	8,625.52	1.49%	3.46%
1999	1,327.33	2,728.15	10,464.88	1.25%	3.17%
2000	1,427.22	2,783.67	10,734.90	1.15%	3.63%
2001	1,194.18	2,035.00	10,189.13	1.32%	2.95%
2002 - 2009 Cycle					
2002	993.94	1,539.73	9,226.43	1.61%	2.92%
2003	965.23	1,647.17	8,993.59	1.77%	3.84%
2004	1,130.65	1,986.53	10,317.39	1.72%	4.89%
2005	1,207.23	2,099.32	10,547.67	1.83%	5.36%
2006	1,310.46	2,263.41	11,408.67	1.87%	5.78%
2007	1,477.19	2,578.47	13,169.98	1.86%	5.29%
2008	1,220.89	2,162.46	11,252.61	2.37%	3.54%
2009	946.73	1,841.03	8,876.15	2.40%	1.86%
Current Cycle					
2010	1,139.31	2,347.70	10,662.80	1.98%	6.04%
2011	1,268.89	2,680.42	11,966.36	2.05%	6.77%
2012	1,379.56	2,965.77	12,967.08	2.24%	6.20%
2013	1,462.51	3,537.69	14,999.67	2.14%	5.57%
2014	1,930.67	4,374.31	16,773.99	2.04%	5.25%
2015	2,061.20	4,943.49	17,590.61	2.10%	4.59%
2016	2,092.39	4,982.49	17,908.08	2.19%	4.17%
2017	2,448.22	6,231.28	21,741.91		
Q1	2,389.68	6,099.65	30,904.22	2.05%	4.24%
Q2	2,396.22	6,087.11	20,979.77	2.02%	4.29%
Q3	2,467.72	6,344.72	21,889.58		4.25%
Q4	2,604.98	6,763.60	23,713.18		

[1] Note: this source did not publish the S&P Composite prior to 1988 and the NASDAQ Composite prior to 1991.

Source: Council of Economic Advisors, Economic Indicators, various issues.