

THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DOCKET NO: UG-140181

1 IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
2 CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION,)
3 SEEKING TEMPORARY EXEMPTION OF)
4 WAC 480-90-238(4) RELATED TO)
5 TIMING OF INTEGRATED RESOURCE)
6 PLAN FILINGS

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10 Pursuant to WAC 480-90-008 Cascade Natural Gas Corporation ("Cascade"
11 or "Company") petitions the Washington Utilities and Transportation
12 Commission to amend the extension granted Cascade in Docket UG-140181 for
13 filing the Company's Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP"). The Company requests
14 amending the filing deadline of the next IRP to July 17, 2015. Please direct
15 all correspondence regarding the Petition to the following:

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15 The Company is required by WAC-480-90-238(4) to file its Integrated
16 Resource Plan within two years after the date the previous plan was
17 acknowledged. Cascade's 2012 Integrated Resource Plan was acknowledged by
18 WUTC on August 8, 2013. On February 27, 2014 Cascade Natural Gas Corporation
19 previously requested and received an extension of its 2014 Integrated
20 Resource Plan from the December 15, 2014 deadline to March 15, 2015. The
21 extension was requested in order to allow additional time for Cascade to
22 develop, document, build, test and ultimately implement a new demand forecast
23 methodology and model to provide more load demand granularity to its SENDOUT
24 supply resource analysis and preferred portfolio analyses. On July 30, 2014
25 Cascade Natural Gas Corporation requested and received an extension of its
26 2014 Integrated Resource Plan from March 15, 2015 to May 29, 2015. The
27 extension was requested in order to give Cascade sufficient time to address
28 additional elements to Cascades forecast model/methodology.

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1 A medical emergency has caused a halt in Cascade's current progress to
2 finalize the draft narrative and supporting documentation for the SENDOUT
3 Supply Side Resources and the Resource Optimization sections of the 2014 IRP.
4 The employee with the medical emergency is a key component to finalizing the
5 remaining items of the 2014 IRP. Also, with this extension Cascade has agreed
6 to run a scenario where the amount of Washington conservation modeled in the
7 IRP for cost-effectiveness be equivalent to 100% of the achievable economic
8 potential (with administrative costs included). Cascade respectfully
9 requests that the IRP filing be extended sufficiently to complete the tasks
10 described above.

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12 Consequently, Cascade petitions the Washington Utilities and
13 Transportation Commission to extend the deadline for filing of the Company's
14 Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") to July 17, 2015. WAC 480-90-008
15 contemplates that the Commission may, by order, extend the prescribed filing
16 date for good cause. The Company believes the forgoing application will be
17 beneficial to the stakeholders and is in the public interest.

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19 Attached is the proposed work plan and schedule based on the requested
20 extension being granted.

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22 If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at
23 (509) 734-4589 or via email at mark.sellers-vaughn@cngc.com.

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25 DATED: May 6, 2015.

26 Sincerely,

27 CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION

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Enclosures