

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WUTC v. Cascade Natural Gas Corp.
Docket UG-170929
Public Counsel
UG-170929**

Request No. 67

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PC-67 Re: Rate Case Costs.

Refer to Michael Parvinen, MPP WP-1.15.

- a. Please explain why the Company is reflecting the total amount of actual and projected rate case costs in the adjusted test year instead of amortizing the costs?
- b. Please provide a breakdown of the \$109,632.90 of rate case costs incurred during 2016 between those associated with the current rate case and the amount associated with the prior rate case, Docket UG-152286. If any of the 2016 amounts are associated with the current rate case, please explain why the Company began incurring these costs in 2016.
- c. Please provide the actual amount of rate case costs incurred in 2017 year to date, broken down by vendor.
- d. Please provide the current best estimate of the remaining rate case costs associated with this case, broken down by vendor, and explain how the remaining costs were estimated.
- e. Please provide a copy of all invoices for the 2016 rate case costs of \$109,632.90.
- f. Please provide a copy of all invoices for the rate cases costs incurred in 2017 year to date.
- g. Is the \$109,632.90 shown for 2016 the total amount included in the unadjusted test year on a Washington jurisdictional basis associated with rate cases? If no, please provide an itemization of all additional amounts included in the 2016 unadjusted test year on a Washington jurisdictional basis for rate case costs, broken down by docket.

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Response:

- a. Cascade filed its last rate case using the twelve months ended 6/30/2015 and its current filing based on the twelve months ended 12/31/2016. Cascade anticipates that it will be filing another rate case shortly after the completion of this docket. Cascade anticipates that no rate case cost adjustment will be necessary in the next case because the test year for that case will contain a full rate case amount. Cascade anticipates, based on projected capital spending requirements over the foreseeable future, filing annual rate cases so a reasonable amortization would be one year.
- b. All 2016 rate case costs incurred were for docket UG-152286.
- c.

BLACK & VEATCH	261,953.90
CONCENTRIC ENERGY ADVISORS INC	55,430.08
MCDOWELL RACKNER & GIBSON, PC	17,660.12
PERKINS COIE LLP	16,016.00
Grand Total	351,060.10

- d. See attached "PC-67d.xlsx"
- e. See attached "PC-67e.pdf"
- f. See attached "PC-67f.pdf"
- g. Yes. See invoices in item e above.

PC-67d

Vendor	2017 Rate Case Costs Incurred to Date	Remaining Estimate if Case Settles	Remaining Estimate if Case Litigates
1 Black & Veatch	261,953.90	13,250.00	18,125.00
2 McDowell Rackner	17,660.12	37,500.00	86,250.00
3 Perkins Coie	16,016.00	0.00	13,500.00
4 Concentrix	55,430.08	1,625.00	13,125.00
5 Total	351,060.10	52,375.00	131,000.00
6 Revised Rate Case Total Estimate w/settle		403,435.10	
7 Revised Rate Case Total Estimate wo/settle			482,060.10