

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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

Request No. 26

Date prepared: 11/28/16

Preparer: Chris Ryan

Contact: Michael Parvinen

Telephone: 509-734-4593

PC-26 Re: Expenses - Rent.

Refer to the attachment provided in response to UTC Staff Data Request 5. The tab for January shows that the 12-month rolling total Washington allocated expense in Account 931 - Rents was \$933,541. The tab for December shows that the 12-month rolling total Washington allocated expense in the same account was \$1,238,179, which is an increase of 32.6 percent. Additionally, the Test Year IS tab shows that the amount recorded in Account 931 in June 2017 was significantly higher than the other months in the test year.

- a. Please explain, in detail, why the Washington allocated expense in account 931 is so much higher for the test year ended December 31, 2016, as compared to the 12-month period ended January 31, 2016.
- b. Please explain, in detail, why the Washington allocated expense in account 931 is so much higher in June 2016 as compared to the other months in the test year.

Response:

- A. The increase is mainly due to the Washington allocated portion of an increase of \$437,736 in cost of service charges from MDU from 2015 to 2016.
- B. In June of 2016, the cost of service charge from MDU for the prior 5 months was trued up along with the June charge.