

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WUTC v. Cascade Natural Gas Corp.
Docket UG-170929
Public Counsel
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Request No. 28

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PC-28 Re: Expenses – Other Gas Supply.

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 expense in Account 813 – Other Gas Supply Expense was \$393,546. The tab for December shows that the 12-month rolling total Washington allocated expense in the same account was \$518,989. Additionally, the Test Year IS tab shows that the amount recorded in Account 813 was 44.74 percent above the budgeted amount.

- a. Please explain, in detail, why the expenses recorded in this account during the test year ended December 31, 2016, were so much higher than the amount recorded in the account during the 12-month period ended January 31, 2016 (i.e. 32 percent higher).
- b. Please explain, in detail, why the amount of expenses recorded in this account during the test year were so much higher than budgeted.

Response:

- A. \$128K related to gas market data subscription fees paid in 2016. Had to renegotiate a contract to remain in compliance with the current vendor to continue using them as a resource for market intelligence and price discovery, which is essential to natural gas supply procurement activities.
- B. Budgeted numbers were based on 2015 actuals plus pro-forma. The unbudgeted transaction identified in (a) was the primary reason for being over budget in 2016.