

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Request of	)	DOCKET UG-070123
	)	
Cascade Natural Gas Corporation,	)	ORDER 01
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Petitioner,	)	
	)	
For Less Than Statutory Notice in	)	ORDER GRANTING LESS THAN
Connection with Tariff Revisions	)	STATUTORY NOTICE
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On January 16, 2007, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, (“Cascade” or “the Company”) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-3, designated as Fourth Revision Sheet No. 685, Cancelling Third Revision Sheet No 685, Fourth Revision Sheet No 686, Canceling Third Revision Sheet No. 686 and Third Revision Sheet No. 687, Canceling Second Revision Sheet No. 687. The purpose of this filing is to reduce the Gross Revenue Fee reimbursement charge on the above schedules from 4.633% to 4.535% to be consistent with the Gross Revenue Fee approved in the Company’s general rate case application (Docket UG-060256).
  
- 2 RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121 require a thirty-day notice prior to the effective date of the tariff. The tariff sheets bear an effective date of February 16, 2007. This date recognizes statutory notice as required. The Company requests, however, less than statutory notice as permitted in WAC 480-80-122, and that the revisions become effective January 24, 2007. Cascade stated the reason(s) for less than statutory notice is for the proposed tariff change to be approved as close as possible to the Company’s compliance filing in their general rate case UG-060256.
  
- 3 WAC 480-90-194 requires notification to customers or publication of the decrease sought in this filing. Granting the Company’s less than statutory notice request also requires an exemption from WAC 480-90-194. For the same reason(s) listed for seeking less than statutory notice, the Company seeks such an exemption from notice requirements. The Company proposes to provide notice by bill inserts to all customers impacted by the proposed tariff change following final disposition of this filing.

4 Since the proposed tariff revisions appear to be fair, just, and reasonable, and less than  
statutory notice is consistent with the public interest, it is appropriate that the  
Commission grant Cascade's request with an effective date of January 24, 2007.

### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the  
State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, rules,  
regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service  
6 companies, including gas companies. *RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.28,  
RCW 80.08 and RCW 80.12.*
- 7 (2) Cascade is a gas company and is a public service company subject to the  
jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 8 (3) Cascade is subject to the provisions of RCW 80.28.060 and WAC 480-80-121  
requiring gas companies to file changes in any rate or charge with a 30-day  
notice. For good cause shown, however, the Commission may allow changes  
without requiring the 30-day notice by order specifying the changes to be made  
and the time when it shall take effect. *WAC 480-80-122.*
- 9 (4) WAC 480-90-008 provides that the Commission may grant an exemption from  
the provisions of any rule in WAC 480-90, if consistent with the public interest,  
the purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes.
- 10 (5) Staff has reviewed the request in Docket UG-070123 and recommended the less  
than statutory notice request of Cascade be granted. Staff further recommended  
the Commission grant an exemption to WAC 480-90-194 and require the  
Company to provide notice by bill inserts to all customers impacted by the  
proposed tariff change following final disposition of this filing.
- (6) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled  
meeting on January 24, 2007.
- (7) After examination of the proposed tariff revisions filed by Cascade on January 16,  
2007, and giving consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown,

the Commission finds the proposed tariff revisions should become effective January 24, 2007.

- 11 (8) The Commission also finds the Company should be granted an exemption to the customer notice requirements.

**ORDER**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 12 (1) The request sought by Cascade Natural Gas Corporation for less than statutory notice is granted.
- 13 (2) After the effective date of this Order, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation is granted an exemption from WAC 480-90-194, Publication of proposed changes to decrease charges or restrict access in service, with regard to this matter. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation shall provide notice by bill inserts to all customers impacted by the proposed tariff change.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective January 24, 2007.

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary**