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Re: Advice No. W23-09-05, CNGC Washington Energy Assistance Fund (WEAF) and Big Heart Cost Recovery

Dear Director Hunter:

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation ("Cascade" or "Company") files revisions to the following sheets in its Tariff WN U-3, stated to become effective November 1, 2023:

Twenty-Seventh Revision of Sheet No. 2-A
Seventh Revision of Sheet No. 593

The Company withdraws the following sheet in its entirety:

First Revision of Sheet No. 304

The purpose of this filing is to revise the rates in Schedule 593, Washington Energy Assistance Fund ("WEAF") Program Cost Recovery, to recover the uncollected 2022-2023 final WEAF program year costs as well as the temporary COVID-19 Big Heart grants offered per Schedule 304, Temporary COVID-19 Residential Bill Assistance Program as approved in UG-210801.

Unlike prior years' filings, this filing does not include a cost projection for serving customers in the 2023-2024 program year because as of October 1, 2023, the WEAF program will be replaced by the Cascade Arrearage Relief Energy Savings ("CARES") Program offered per Cascade's Rule 20 and Schedule 302 and with CARES Cost Recovery established in Schedule 592, as approved in UG-230551.

This rate change proposed for Schedule 593 will result in an overall increase in revenue by \$2,752,481 or 0.727%. An average residential customer using 54 therms per month will see a bill increase of \$0.51 per month or 0.67%. The rate impact for each customer class is shown in the table below.

Service	Sch. No.	Proposed Rate	Bill Difference	Percent Change
Residential	503	\$0.01350	\$0.51	0.68%
Commercial	504	\$0.01091	\$2.07	0.58%
Industrial	505	\$0.00675	\$9.40	0.41%
Industrial Lg Vol	511	\$0.00572	\$66.56	0.42%
Interruptible	570	\$0.00203	\$32.99	0.14%
Transportation	663	\$0.00123	\$245.86	2.04%

The proposed change will affect all of Cascade's Washington customers. Cascade serves approximately 202,519 residential, 27,445 commercial, 492 industrial, 100 large volume, and seven industrial interruptible customers in the state of Washington.

Workpaper 1 provides the WEAFF Program Year collections and expenditures; workpaper 2 shows the derivation of the proposed rates; and workpaper 3 demonstrates the impact the rate change has on revenues and on customer bills.

In compliance with WAC 480-90-194(3), the Company will mail customers a bill insert notifying them of the proposed rate increase. The issuance of bill inserts to customers will begin on September 15. In addition, Cascade will publish on its webpage the anticipated rate increase, provide copies of the notice to Community Action agencies and organizations within its service territory, and provide notice to the news media. The Company has provided a copy of the bill insert in Advice No. W23-09-01.

Schedule 304, Temporary COVID-19 Residential Bill Assistance Program was established in April 2021 to help residential customers experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic and corresponding global economic recession. As the program was temporary and the funding has been expended, the Company now seeks to remove Schedule 304 from its tariff and to revise its Table of Contents accordingly.

This filing is comprised of the following files:

NEW-CNGC-Advice-No.-W23-09-05-CLtr-09-15-23.pdf
 NEW-CNGC-Advice-No.-W23-09-05 -Trfs-09-15-23.pdf
 NEW-CNGC-Advice-No.-W23-09-05 -WP-1-09-15-23.xlsx
 NEW-CNGC-Advice-No.-W23-09-05 -WP-2-09.15.23.xlsx
 NEW-CNGC-Advice-No.-W23-09-05 -WP-3-09.15.23.xlsx

Please direct any questions regarding this filing to me at (208) 377-6015 or Chris Mickelson at (509) 734-4549.

Sincerely,

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