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November 8, 2024

NOTICE SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

and

NOTICE REQUIRING FILING OF SETTLEMENT DOCUMENTS AND TESTIMONY
(By Wednesday, December 11, 2024)

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Cascade Natural Gas Corp.*,
Docket UG-240008

TO ALL PARTIES:

On March 29, 2024, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-3 for natural gas service together with testimony and exhibits. Cascade characterizes its filing as a general rate case (GRC) and proposes a two-year multiyear rate plan for its natural gas rates pursuant to Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 80.28.425. Cascade's proposed revised tariff sheets provide an effective date of May 1, 2024, with the two-year rate plan starting March 1, 2025 (Rate Year 1), and March 1, 2026 (Rate Year 2). In rate year 1, Cascade seeks a \$43.8 million increase and in rate year two, \$11.7 million in overall natural gas revenues.

On June 7, 2024, the Commission entered its Prehearing Conference Order and Notice of Hybrid Hearing, which established a procedural schedule in Appendix B that includes, among other things, an evidentiary hearing set for January 7-8, 2024.

On October 30, 2024, counsel for Cascade contacted the presiding officer and on November 5, 2024, filed a formal letter in the docket on behalf of the parties to inform the Commission that all of the parties (the Settling Parties) except Public Counsel reached a settlement in principle, and intend to file a settlement agreement and testimony in support thereof by December 11, 2024. The Settling Parties request that the Commission suspend the procedural schedule to afford them time to memorialize the settlement.

The Commission finds good cause to suspend the procedural schedule, but preserves the hearing dates of January 7-8, 2024, due to the possibility that one party may not join the settlement. The Settling Parties must file a settlement agreement and supporting documentation by December 11, 2024. At that time, the Commission will determine what additional process is necessary in light of the parties' respective positions.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the procedural schedule in this matter is suspended with the exception of the January 7-8, evidentiary hearing date.

THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That the Settling Parties shall file a settlement agreement and supporting documentation no later than December 11, 2024.

/s/ Amy Bonfrisco
Amy Bonfrisco
Administrative Law Judge