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Mr. Terry Stapleton
Administrative Law Judge
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
Olympia, Washington 98504

Re: Cascade Natural Gas Corporation
Docket No. UG-951415

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STATE OF WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

Dear Judge Stapleton:

As you are aware the parties have been engaged in settlement discussions in this case over the past few months. The elements of a full settlement have now been discussed both for the rate case, and Cascade's pending PGA and deferral filings in Docket Nos. UG-960452 and UG-960453. While we are encouraged that we will reach a resolution, the details of a settlement still need to be formulated and approved by all parties. We believe that such a process is best served without the pressures of litigation that the current case schedule would create.

Therefore, all parties have agreed that a continuance in the current case schedule is warranted for the prefilings of remaining testimony. We request such a continuance as follows:

<u>Case Event</u>	<u>Existing Schedule</u>	<u>Proposed Schedule</u>
File Staff, Public Counsel, Intervenor Direct	June 19	July 19
File Cross-Answering and Rebuttal	July 19	August 19

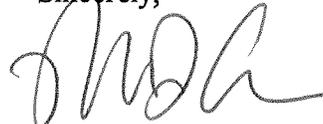
The parties also agree and request that the remaining hearings, now scheduled for August 27-30, can be rescheduled to a time convenient for the Commission later this Fall. The Company has agreed that it will waive the suspension period, as necessary, to accomodate a new schedule if we are unable to finalize a settlement and must resort to litigation.



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Please contact me if you have any questions concerning our request for a continuance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RDC", written in a cursive style.

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