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**NOTICE OF BENCH REQUEST**  
**(Due by Monday, March 15, 2021, at 5 p.m.)**

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation*, Docket UG-200568

TO CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION (Cascade):

**BENCH REQUEST NO. 6:**

Provide Cascade's current written plan for completing a load study. For the purposes of this Bench Request, a written plan includes target date(s) for the completion of required tasks and identifies responsible decisionmakers.

If Cascade does not currently have a written plan, provide any planning documents and budget proposals related to the Company's load study efforts. This includes planning documents and budget proposals indicating the following:

- a) Final Encoder Receiver Transmitter installation will be complete by June 2021. *See Kivisto, Exh. NAK-2T at 19:7.*
- b) The Company anticipates completing the bulk of the fixed network installation by December 31, 2022. *See Kivisto, Exh. NAK-2T at 23:10-13.*

**BENCH REQUEST NO. 7:**

Referring to Mullins, Exh. BGM-7T at 14:14 -14:21 and the Settlement Agreement in the Company's 2017 general rate case,<sup>1</sup> does Cascade's accounting separately track protected-plus Excess Deferred Income Taxes (EDIT) and unprotected EDIT in sub-accounts within FERC Account 254? If yes, then please explain why Cascade could not provide separate and precise protected plus and unprotected EDIT balances in response to AWEC Data Request 38.

Please respond to these Bench Requests no later than Monday, **March 15, 2021**, by 5 p.m., by electronic filing with the Commission's Records Center. Please provide courtesy email copies to all parties and the presiding administrative law judge. If you have any

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<sup>1</sup> *See WUTC v. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation*, Docket UG-170929, Order 06, App. A ¶ 14-18 (July 20, 2018) (Partial Joint Settlement Agreement).

questions concerning these requests, please contact Administrative Law Judge Michael Howard at 360 664-1139 or via email at [michael.howard@utc.wa.gov](mailto:michael.howard@utc.wa.gov).

*/s/ Michael Howard*  
MICHAEL HOWARD  
Administrative Law Judge

cc: All Parties