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Oregon Public Utility Commission
550 Capitol Street NE Suite 215
Salem, OR 97301-2551

Attention: Ms. Vikie Bailey-Goggins

Dear Ms. Bailey-Goggins

The purpose of this letter is to request an extension to the deadline that was set forth in the LC 38 order which stated:

By January 1, 2006, Cascade will submit to Staff a full assessment of cost-effective DSM potential in its service territory over the 20-year planning horizon and begin meeting with Staff and other interested parties to discuss implementation of additional energy efficiency program opportunities identified.

Cascade Natural Gas has decided to work with Ecotope and Steller Processors in the development of the DSM potential study for Cascade's Oregon service territory as they are preparing a similar report for the Energy Trust of Oregon. Since the study is not scheduled for completion until April 2006, Cascade will not be able to submit the report to Staff by January 1st.

As such, Cascade respectfully requests an extension of the DSM potential study deadline from January 1, 2006 until April 2006, which will be the time frame for completion of the project by Ecotope and Steller Processors.

Please direct any questions regarding this request to Paul Schmidt at (206) 381-6825 or Katherine J. Barnard at (206) 381-6824.

Sincerely,

Katherine J. Barnard
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