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Ms. Kathy Williams  
Oregon Public Utility Commission  
550 Capitol Street NE  
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Re: UM 1557(4) Request for Deferral Accounting for Changes in Margin Due to Conservation and Variances from Normal Weather in Compliance with Order No. 13-079

Dear Ms. Williams:

In compliance with OPUC Order No. 13-079, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation submits an original and three (3) copies of a request for an order reauthorizing it to utilize deferral accounting for changes in margin due to conservation and variances from normal weather, consistent with the procedures outlined in the Company's Conservation Alliance Plan (CAP) Schedule No. 30 that was approved by the Commission's Order No. 06-191.

Cascade seeks, with this application, to receive additional reauthorization of these deferrals thru December 31, 2014.

Please direct any questions regarding this filing to me at (509) 734-4593.

Sincerely,

Michael Parvinen  
Director, Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures

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BEFORE THE OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ) APPLICATION FOR  
CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION ) REAUTHORIZATION OF  
FOR AN ORDER REAUTHORIZING ) DEFERRAL ACCOUNTING  
DEFERRAL OF CERTAIN COSTS ) (OAR 860-27-0300(4))

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (herein "Cascade") pursuant to ORS 757.259, OAR 860-27-300(4), and in compliance with Order No. 13-079, applies to the Oregon Public Utility Commission ("Commission") for an order reauthorizing it to utilize deferral accounting thru December 31, 2014. The Company's last reauthorization, was approved in the Commission's Order No. 13-102.

Specifically, in this Application, Cascade requests reauthorization to defer:

1. Amounts associated with changes in margin due to conservation and variances from normal weather, consistent with the procedures outlined in the Company's Conservation Alliance Plan (CAP) Schedule No. 30 that was approved by the Commission's Order No. 13-102.

Item 1 – Conservation and Weather Variance Accounts

Cascade requests reauthorization to continue deferring margin differences associated with changes in margin due to conservation and variances from normal weather, consistent with the procedures outlined in the Company's Conservation Alliance Plan (CAP) Schedule No. 30 that was approved by the Commission's Order No. 06-191. According to the provisions in Schedule 30, such differences are accumulated as regulatory assets or liabilities for distribution to or collection from customers annually at the time of the Company's PGA filing.

It is appropriate that deferral accounting be reauthorized for the same reasons that originally established the CAP mechanism in Order 06-191. Deferral minimizes both the frequency of rate changes and the fluctuation of rate levels pursuant to subsection (2) (e) of ORS 757.259. In the absence of the Commission's approval of this Application, the company would record under- or over-collected margins as utility operating revenue in FERC Account 480.

Item 2 – Notification

The copy of this Application for an order reauthorizing these accounts was sent to all parties and interested persons that participated in Docket UG 224.

WHEREFORE, Cascade respectfully requests that the Conservation and Weather Variance Accounts deferral accounts referred to above be appropriately reauthorized.

DATED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION

By: 

Michael Parvinen

Director, Regulatory Affairs

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this day served the foregoing notice of Cascade Natural Gas' application to reauthorize to defer the PGA's Deferred Gas Cost Balancing Account and wholesale gas costs that was approved by the Commission's Order No. 06-191 upon all parties of record in the (UG 224) proceeding by emailing an electronic copy to the following parties or attorneys of parties:

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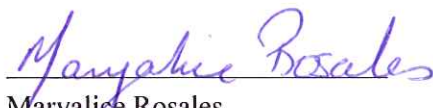
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DATED at Kennewick, WA this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 2013.

  
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Cascade Natural Gas Corporation