

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: November 26, 2013

REGULAR \_\_\_\_\_ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE \_\_\_\_\_ Not applicable

DATE: November 12, 2013

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Paul Rossow <sup>PR</sup>  
*I*

*MR. G. MB*

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer, Maury Galbraith, and Aster Adams *AK*

SUBJECT: CASCADE NATURAL GAS: (Docket No. UM 1631) Request waiver of OAR 860-027-0005.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Commission approve Cascade Natural Gas's (Cascade) request to waive the first day of November Budget of Expenditures Report filing date in OAR 860-027-0005.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Budget of Expenditures Report**

On October 31, 2013, Cascade filed a request for a two-month extension of the filing date for its Budget of Expenditures Report. OAR 860-027-0005 states that "Each energy utility operating within Oregon and having gross operating revenues of \$50,000 or more per annum is required to file with the Commission on or before the first day of November of each year, a copy of its proposed Budget of Expenditures Report, on forms approved by the Commission." The Budget of Expenditures is based on a calendar year and its budget is approved by the Board of Directors in November of each year. Therefore, the data is not available to Cascade until after the first day of November.

Staff has no concerns granting the Company's waiver request such that the Company files its 2014 Budget of Expenditures Report by December 31, 2013. While the extension for the 2014 Budget of Expenditures should have been approved prior to November 1, 2013, Staff has been in direct contact with the utility on this matter. In addition, approving this waiver request will not impact the Company or its customers.

Cascade Natural Gas Docket No. UM 1631  
November 12, 2013  
Page 2

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

Cascade's request for a waiver of OAR 860-027-0005 be granted.

UM 1631 Cascade Waiver