

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: October 19, 2015

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE November 1, 2015

DATE: October 9, 2015

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Mitchell Moore ^{MM}
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THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer and Marc Hellman ^A

SUBJECT: CASCADE NATURAL GAS: (Docket No. UG 302/Advice No. O15-07-04)
Updates Schedule 194-B, Other Residual Temporary Adjustment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend that Cascade Natural Gas's (Cascade) filing be approved, and the associated tariff be allowed to go into effect on November 1, 2015.

ISSUE:

In this filing, Cascade updates the rate increments in its Schedule 194-B, Other Residual Temporary Adjustment, to reflect currently deferred account balances.

RULE:

This tariff was established pursuant to Order No. 10-279 in Docket No. UM 1147, which allows a utility to establish a miscellaneous residual account into which a balance that remains after a deferred account is amortized, as long as that balance is equal to or below .05 percent of a utility's retail operating revenues in the previous calendar year.

The interest associated with a miscellaneous residual account established under this order is annually updated to reflect the current Blended Treasury Rate, as established by the Commission.

ANALYSIS:

For the 2015/2016 PGA Year, the residual balance is \$417. It will amortize down to zero by November 1, 2016. Accordingly, the tariff rate will revert to \$0.0000 from the current rate of \$0.0003.

After a review of Cascade's proposal and the associated workpapers, Staff finds that Cascade's accounting, including the application of interest, is accurate. For this reason, Staff recommends the Commission approve this filing.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Cascade's UG 302 filing be approved, and the change to the associated tariff be allowed to take effect on November 1, 2015.