

ITEM NO. CA7

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: February 27, 2018

REGULAR CONSENT EFFECTIVE DATE March 1, 2018

DATE: February 20, 2018

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Mitchell Moore *MM*

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer *JE* and John Crider *JC*

SUBJECT: CASCADE NATURAL GAS: (Docket No. ADV 720/Advice No. O18-01-03)
Housekeeping Revisions to PUC OR No. 10 Tariff

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission approve Cascade Natural Gas's (Cascade or Company) housekeeping filing that revises its Tariff P.U.C. Or. No. 10 with an effective date of March 1, 2018.

ISSUE:

Whether the Commission should approve Cascade's proposed housekeeping revisions to its Tariff P.U.C. Or. No. 10, with an effective date of March 1, 2018.

DISCUSSION:

Applicable Law

The Commission may approve tariff changes if they are deemed to be fair, just and reasonable. ORS 757.210. Tariff revisions may be made by filing revised sheets with the information required under the Commission's administrative rules, including OAR 860-022-0025. Filings that propose any change in rates, tolls, charges, rules, or regulations must be filed with the Commission at least 30 days before the effective date of the change. See ORS 757.220; OAR 860-022-0020.

Overview

On January 26, 2018, Cascade filed a request to remove two Tariff sheets that are no longer needed, and to correct the following errors in the Company's tariff book:

- The Table of Contents is revised to remove a reference to Schedule 126, Emergency Institutional Service. Schedule 126 was removed with the filing of Tariff P.U.C. Or. No. 10 in the Company's last rate case docketed as UG 305, but was inadvertently reintroduced into the table of contents.
- Two definitions in Rule 2, *Definitions* are revised for greater clarity.
 - The definition for Interruptible Gas is revised to include the additional information that an Interruptible customer is a non-firm customer, required to have a backup system for use when curtailment occurs.
 - The definition for WACOG is edited to remove the word 'commodity.'
- Sheet No. 33.7 in Schedule 33, Oregon Low-Income Energy Conservation Program, Conservation Achievement Tariff is revised to correct two errors:
 - The sheet refers to the CAT program as a pilot program. The program was made permanent with the approval of Advice No. O16-10-02 at the November 22, 2016 Public Meeting.
 - Advice No. O16-12-01 corrected an error that was not removed from the sheet filed in UG 305. That sheet incorrectly states that the \$10,000 cap for CAT rebates does not include OLIEC rebates, and other OLIEC and CAT program fees. The language is corrected to say that the per home rebate cap is inclusive of all program costs.
- Sheet No. 163.7 is revised to include language that was inadvertently removed when the tariff book was updated in UG 305. The added language details the price the Company will pay the customer if it takes possession of the customer-owned gas during a curtailment event. The terms and conditions and price paid are as established previously in the Company's tariff, P.U.C. OR No. 9.
- Schedule 201 *Special Contracts* is revised to remove a special contract with Lamb-Weston in Hermiston, Oregon, that is no longer in effect.

The filing also seeks to withdraw sheets for schedules 112 and 126. These schedules were both withdrawn in UG 305, but were inadvertently reintroduced in the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing docketed as UG 338. These schedules were withdrawn with Order No. 16-477, which approved the Company's most current tariff book as of March 1, 2017. Accordingly, the Company has no customers served on either of these schedules.

Conclusion

Staff reviewed the Company's filing and the Company's requested changes to its Oregon PUC Tariff No. 10. Staff is satisfied that the changes are appropriate, do not make substantive changes and reflect the current status of the tariff as previously approved by the Commission.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve Cascade's housekeeping filing that revises its Tariff P.U.C. Or. No. 10 effective with service on and after March 1, 2018.