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COMPANY NAME: Cascade Natural Gas Corporation

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Budget of Expenditures Report 2024

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**BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2024**

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

1. A Budget of Expenditures Report must be submitted by all utilities operating within the State of Oregon in accordance with Oregon Revised Statute 757.105.
2. The Budget of Expenditures Report should be completed and filed with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon Filing Center. Complete the e-Filing Report Cover Sheet found at: [http://www.puc.state.or.us/eFiling/eReports/efiling\\_report\\_cover\\_sheet\\_FM050.pdf](http://www.puc.state.or.us/eFiling/eReports/efiling_report_cover_sheet_FM050.pdf). Email both the report and cover sheet to [PUC.FilingCenter@state.or.us](mailto:PUC.FilingCenter@state.or.us) no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>.
3. Each section should be completed fully and accurately. Where the words "None" or "Not Applicable" truly and completely state the fact, they should be given as the answer.
4. Any additional statements or explanatory remarks should be included in the email as an attachment in Microsoft Word document format or text-searchable PDF.
5. Expenditures should be referenced by the applicable account number of the Uniform System of Accounts, adopted by the Commission, and to which the utility is subject.
6. All entries should be typewritten or made with permanent ink.
7. Report all amounts in whole dollars only, omit cents.

FULL NAME OF UTILITY Cascade Natural Gas Corporation				
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE 8113 W. Grandridge Blvd		CITY Kennewick	STATE WA	ZIP CODE 99336
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE IN OREGON (IF OTHER THAN ABOVE)		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
STATE OF INCORPORATION Washington	DATE OF INCORPORATION January 2, 1953	TYPE OF ORGANIZATION IF NOT INCORPORATED Incorporated		DATE ORGANIZED

STATE THE CLASSES OF UTILITY AND OTHER SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE UTILITY IN EACH STATE IN WHICH THE UTILITY OPERATES

Natural Gas Distribution in Washington and Oregon

DIRECTORS AT DATE OF BUDGET			
NAME OF DIRECTOR	CITY AND STATE OF RESIDENCE	LENGTH OF TERM	TERM EXPIRES
Nicole A. Kivisto	Bismarck, ND	1 Year	*** Directors are re-elected at Cascade's Annual meeting
Paul R. Sanderson	Bismarck, ND	1 Year	
Garret Senger	Bismarck, ND	1 Year	
Jason L. Vollmer	Bismarck, ND	1 Year	

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**Annual Salary and Other Compensation of Officers and Retired Executives**

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The following details the changes within Executives and Officers in 2023/2024

<b>OFFICER/DIRECTOR/EMPLOYEE:</b>	<b>OFFICER/DIRECTOR POSITION PREVIOUSLY HELD:</b>	<b>OFFICER/DIRECTOR POSITION NOW HOLDING:</b>	<b>OFFICER/DIRECTOR THEY ARE REPLACING:</b>
Nicole A. Kivisto Garret Senger Jason I. Vollmer Paul R. Sanderson	President & CEO EVP Reg Affairs, Cust service & Admin None None	Chair of Board/Director Chief Utilities Office/Director Treasurer/Director Chief Legal Officer & Secretary/Director	David L. Goodin New Position Dustin J. Senger Karl A. Liepitz

The following officers are the same as prior year:

Mark A. Chiles - VP-Regulatory Affairs & Customer Service

Anne M. Jones – Vice President, Human Resources

Patrick C. Darras - VP-Engineering & Operations Services

Margaret (Peggy) A. Link – VP Chief Information Officer

Eric P. Martuscelli – Vice President, Field Operations

Tammy J. Nygard - Controller

Scott W. Madison – EVP-Business Development & Gas Supply

Allison R. Waldon Assistant Secretary

Hart Gilchrist - VP-Safety, Process Improvement & Operations Systems

**DONATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** List all donations and membership expenditures proposed to be made by the utility during the coming year and the accounts to be charged. Give the name of each organization to whom a payment is to be made except that items less than \$1000 may be consolidated by category stating the number of organizations included. Group expenditures under headings such as:

1. Contributions to and memberships in charitable organizations
2. Organizations of the utility industry
3. Technical and professional organizations
4. Commercial and trade organizations
5. All other organizations and kinds of donations and contributions

List by type and group the accounts charged. Report whole dollars only. Provide a total for each group.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION, CITY AND STATE	ACCOUNT NUMBER	TOTAL AMOUNT	AMOUNT ASSIGNED TO OREGON
<u>Contributions to/Membership in Charitable Organizations</u>			
MDUR Foundation	426	120,000	20,500
Winter Help	426	50,000	12,500
Association of Washington Business	426	12,400	
Skagit Valley Hospital Foundation	426	1,750	1,250
EDASC	426	2,500	625
Skagit Woodstock	426	1,250	375
YMCA of Skagit	426	2,000	625
Crooked River Roundup	426	2,000	375
Misc. Under \$ 1,000	426	<u>49,600</u>	<u>4,300</u>
Total		241,500	40,550
<u>Organizations of the Industry</u>			
NEEA	930	350,000	87,500
American Gas Association	930	140,000	35,000
Northwest Gas Association	930	63,000	15,750
NW Coalition	426	50,000	12,500
Northwest Power & conservation	908	32,200	8,050
Tri City Regional Chamber	930/921	24,000	0
TRIDEC	930	10,000	0
Western Energy Institute	930	9,700	2,425
Energy Solutions Center	921	7,500	0
Bend Chamber	880	6,800	1,700
MDUR	426/930	8,800	2,200
Home Builders Association	426	4,000	0
Edison Electric	930	4,300	0
Sustainable Living Center	908	3,000	0
Assoc of Energy Services	908	2,500	0
Politicio	930	2,000	500
Oregon Dept of Rev	880	2,000	500
Oregon Business & Industry Association	930	1,500	375
Greater Yakima Chamber	880	1,400	0
Misc. Under \$ 1,000	930/880/426/921/908	<u>92,300</u>	<u>22,875</u>
Total		815,000	189,375
<u>Professional Organization Dues</u>			
Misc. Under \$ 1,000		<u>23,000</u>	<u>5,800</u>
Total		23,000	5,800

**EXPENDITURES FOR PENSIONS OR A TRUST TO PROVIDE PENSIONS**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** List all proposed payments to persons or trusts to provide pensions for employees and officers. Show all administrative and actuarial costs for formal pension plan. Give a brief description of the plan and show charges for current service costs, past service costs, and future service costs. Report whole dollars only.

PENSION FUND PAYMENTS MADE TO	ACCOUNT NUMBER	TOTAL AMOUNT	AMOUNT ASSIGNED TO OREGON
<p>Cascade Natural Gas Corporation Retirement Trust-Non-Service Costs                      (The amount shown represents the estimated accrual for fiscal year 2023, as developed by our actuary, under the provisions of SFAS No. 87. Funding amounts are not yet known).</p>	<p>926 5195</p>	<p>677,697</p>	<p>169,424</p>
<p>Postretirement Medical Benefits Plan-Non-Service Costs                      (The amount shown represents the estimated accrual for fiscal year 2023, as developed by our actuary, under the provisions of SFAS No. 87. Funding amounts are not yet known).</p>	<p>926 5196</p>	<p>445,338</p>	<p>111,335</p>
<p>Postretirement Medical Benefits Plan-Service Costs                      (The amount shown represents the estimated accrual for fiscal year 2023, as developed by our actuary, under the provisions of SFAS No. 87. Funding amounts are not yet known).</p>	<p>926 5198</p>	<p>13,135</p>	<p>3,284</p>
<p>Cascade Natural Gas Corporation Retirement Savings Plan and Trust (401(k))</p>	<p>926 5197</p>	<p>2,999,000</p>	<p>749,750</p>
<p>Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan                      (The amount shown represents the estimated accrual for fiscal year 2024, as developed by our actuary, under the provisions of SFAS No. 87. Funding amounts are not yet known).</p>	<p>926 5921</p>	<p>225,633</p>	<p>56,408</p>

**POLITICAL ADVERTISING**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** List all proposed payments for advertising the purpose of which is to aid or defeat any measure before the people or to promote or prevent the enactment of any national, state, district, or municipal legislation. Give the specific purpose of such advertising, when and where to be placed, and the account or accounts to be charged. Report who dollars only.

*Any direct or indirect expenditures by Cascade for political advertising shall be classified as "Category "D" — Political advertising expenses and nonutility advertising expenses"; thus, charged to its stockholders and shall not be included as an operating expense for ratemaking purposes.*

**POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** List all proposed payments or contributions to persons and organizations for the purpose of aiding or defeating any measure before the people or to promote or prevent the enactment of any national, state, district, or municipal legislation. The purpose of all contributions or payments should be clearly explained. Report whole dollars only.

Estimate - 4264

\$ 155,000 Total System \$ 60,000 Oregon - for the promotion and/or evaluation of current or pending legislation

**EXPENDITURES AND MAJOR CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OR SALE OF EQUIPMENT**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** List all proposed expenditures and major contracts for the purchase or sale of equipment. Give the name and address of the person or organization with whom it is proposed to have such dealings and the account or accounts charged. Describe fully the equipment to be purchased or sold. Do not report estimates of routine construction projects. Limit the report to major contracts and expenditures. Report whole dollars only.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON OR ORGANIZATION, DESCRIPTION OF EQUIPMENT	ACCOUNT NUMBER	TOTAL AMOUNT	AMOUNT ASSIGNED TO OREGON
Vehicle Purchase and Replacement	392	919,000	303,000
Power Equipment Purchase and Replacement	396	<u>2,855,000</u>	<u>995,000</u>
Total 392/396		3,774,000	1,298,000
<i>Description of Vehicles/Equipment to be Purchased</i>			
T-300 REG CAB 4x2 DUMP TRUCK	392	150,000	150,000
1500 QUAD CAB 4X4 SB	392	88,000	0
F-250 EXT CAB 4X4 LB w/TOPPER	392	88,000	0
F-550 REG CAB 4x2 11' DUMP	392	98,000	0
F-550 REG CAB 4x2 11' DUMP	392	150,000	0
1500 QUAD CAB 4X4	392	55,000	55,000
F-750 FORD 6/8 YARD DUMP TRUCK	392	98,000	98,000
ESCAPE 4x4	392	42,000	0
F-150 EXT CAB 4X4 SB	392	55,000	0
F-350 EXT CAB 4x4 GAS FOREMAN B	392	95,000	0
Total 392	392	<u>919,000</u>	<u>303,000</u>
236D3 SKIDSTEER	396	55,000	55,000
MINI EXCAVATOR	396	1,260,000	420,000
BACKHOE	396	1,500,000	500,000
RANGER WELDER	396	20,000	20,000
TRAILBLAZER WELDER	396	20,000	
		<u>2,855,000</u>	<u>995,000</u>
All non-major contracts/expenditures 396	396	0	0
Total 396		2,855,000	995,000

**EXPENDITURES TO ANY PERSON OR ORGANIZATION HAVING AN AFFILIATED INTEREST FOR SERVICES, ETC.**


**INSTRUCTIONS:** Report all proposed expenditures to any person or organization having an affiliated interest for service. Advice, auditing, association, sponsoring, engineering, managing, operating, financial, legal or other services. See Oregon Revised Statutes 757.015 and 759.010 for definition of "Affiliated Interest." Give reference if such proposed expenditures have in the past been approved by the Commission. Describe the services to be received and the account or accounts to be charged. Report whole dollars only.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON OR ORGANIZATION. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES	ACCOUNT NUMBER	TOTAL AMOUNT	AMOUNT ASSIGNED TO OREGON
MDU Resources Corporate level expenditures (Legal, Auditing, Management, etc.)	9302	8,203,741	2,036,153
Montana-Dakota Utilities and Intermountain Gas Company Utility Group Level Expenditures (Information Technology, Customer Service Center, Management, etc.)	9030/9210/ 9302	24,938,958	5,857,592

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing report must be certified by an Officer of the reporting company.

I certify that this Budget of Expenditures Report has been prepared under my direction, that I have carefully examined the report and declare it to be a complete and correct estimate of company expenditures for the coming year, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER 	DATE March 18, 2024
NAME OF OFFICER <b>Mark Chiles</b>	DATE <b>March 18, 2024</b>