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**CNG/O05-10-01**

January 5, 2006

Ms. Vikie Bailey-Goggins  
Oregon Public Utility Commission  
550 Capitol Street NE #215  
P.O. Box 2148  
Salem, OR 97308-2148

Dear Ms. Bailey-Goggins:

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation ("Cascade") encloses the following tariff sheets associated with its filing under Advice Number CNG/O05-10-01 dated October 17, 2005 with the following replacement and new pages with a requested effective date of January 11, 2006.

**Substitute Original Sheet No. 30**  
**Substitute Original Sheet No. 30-A**  
**Original Sheet No. 31**  
**Original Sheet No. 31A**  
**Original Sheet No. 32**  
**Original Sheet No. 32A**  
**Original Sheet No. 33**

**Original Sheet No. 33A**  
**Original Sheet No. 33B**  
**Original Sheet No. 33C**  
**Original Sheet No. 34**

The Company is requesting that the proposed tariff's become effective with Less than Statutory Notice and has enclosed the necessary LSN application form.

Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (206) 381-6823.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon T. Stoltz", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Jon T. Stoltz  
Sr. Vice President  
Regulatory & Gas Supply

Enclosures

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
 550 CAPITAL ST NE  
 SALEM, OR 97310-1380

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ) UTILITY L.S.N. APPLICATION  
**Cascade Natural Gas Corporation** ) NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Utility Company) )  
 TO WAIVE STATUTORY NOTICE: )

NOTE: ATTACH EXHIBIT IF SPACE IS INSUFFICIENT.

1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE(S) ADDITION, OR CHANGE. (SCHEDULE INCLUDES ALL RATES, TOLLS AND CHARGES FOR SERVICE AND ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS AFFECTING THE SAME)

**Cascade Natural Gas proposes to substitute the tariff sheets associated with its filing under Advice Number CNG/O05-10-01 dated October 17, 2005 with the replacement filed with O.P.U.C. on January 5, 2006. The revised tariff reflects an effective date of January 11, 2006.**

2. APPLICANT DESIRES TO CHANGE THE SCHEDULE(S) NOW ON FILE KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS: (INSERT SCHEDULE REFERENCE BY NUMBER, PAGE, AND ITEM)

**Original Sheet No. 30  
 Original Sheet No. 30A**

3. THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE(S) SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS: (INSERT SCHEDULE REFERENCE BY NUMBER, PAGE, AND ITEM)

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4. REASON(S) FOR REQUESTING A WAIVER OF STATUTORY NOTICE.

**The filing of this revision does not permit Cascade to comply with the Commission's 30-day noticing requirement. Accordingly, Cascade respectfully requests a leave of statutory notice to facilitate approval of the proposed revisions effective January 11, 2006**

5. REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE NEW SCHEDULE(S) OR CHANGE(S): January 11, 2006

6. Authorized Signature  Title Senior Vice President  
 Regulatory Affairs & Gas Supply Date: 01/05/06

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APPROVED       DENIED      EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED SCHEDULE(S) OR CHANGE

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	DATE
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RULES & REGULATIONS

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**RULE 19- CONSERVATION ALLIANCE PLAN MECHANISM**

**APPLICABLE:**

The Conservation Alliance Plan ("CAP") mechanism described in this rule applies to customers served on Residential General Service Rate Schedule 101 and Commercial General Service Rate Schedule 104.

**TERM:** This mechanism shall terminate on September 30, 2010.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this provision is to (a) define the procedures for the annual tracking revisions in rates due to changes in the weather-normalized use per customer associated with Rate Schedule 101 & Rate Schedule 104; and (b) to define the procedures for the deferral of differences experienced between the actual average use per customer and the amount estimated at the time the Margin Rates were established.

**REVISIONS TO COMMODITY MARGIN RATES DUE TO CHANGES IN THE WEATHER-NORMALIZED USE/CUSTOMER:**

1. The Company shall use the baseline weather normalized average commodity margin per customer for Rate Schedule 101 and Rate Schedule 104 as reflected in its August 15, 2005 PGA application. That application was based upon the weather normalized twelve months ended June 30, 2005.
2. For each subsequent year for the term of this provision, the Company shall file annually (CAP Filing) with the Commission to update the Commodity Margin Rate for Rate Schedule 101 and Rate Schedule 104 based upon the weather normalized usage for the 12 months ending June 30th divided into the margin requirement of each rate schedule.
3. Weather-normalized usage is calculated using the approach to weather normalization adopted in the Company's Spring Earnings Review filings, PGA Applications and other weather normalized report submittals. The weather normalization calculation shall be based upon HDDs reflecting 10% warmer than normal.
4. The Total Commodity Margin Requirement of Rate Schedule 101 and Rate Schedule 104 shall be calculated by multiplying the baseline average commodity margin per customer per Rate Schedule, excluding any margin collected through the monthly Basic Service Charge, by the current twelve months ended June 30 average customer count based upon the average of the monthly bills issued.
5. The Margin Commodity Rate is calculated by dividing the Total Commodity Margin Requirement by the Total Weather Normalized Usage. The weather normalization calculation shall be based upon HDDs reflecting 10% warmer than normal. Also included in the June 2006 calculation of the Margin Commodity Rate shall be the amortization of any balance in the Conservation Variance deferral account and the Weather Variance deferral account. Subsequent annual calculations of the Margin Commodity Rate shall include only the amortization of any balance in the Conservation Variance deferral account, with the Weather Variance deferral account continued to be amortized on a monthly basis.

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RULES & REGULATIONS

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**RULE 19- CONSERVATION ALLIANCE PLAN MECHANISM(Continued)**

**DEFERRAL OF MARGIN COLLECTION DIFFERENCES:**

1. The Company will maintain Conservation Variance and Weather Variance deferral accounts as Regulatory Assets or Liabilities. Each month, the Company will calculate the difference between the weather-normalized actual margin and the expected margin for rate schedules 101 and 104. Expected margin shall be the baseline average commodity per customer multiplied by the current customer count. The resulting dollar amount difference will be recorded in the Conservation Variance deferral account. The Company will also calculate the difference between non-weather normalized actual margin and the expected margin for rate schedules 101 and 104. The resulting dollar amount difference will be reduced by subtracting the dollar amount recorded in the Conservation Variance deferral account with the remainder recorded in the Weather Variance deferral account.
2. The Company shall impute interest on the deferred balances on a monthly basis utilizing the Commission establish deferral account interest rate.
3. The Company will include in the initial annual CAP filing a temporary adjustment amount designed to amortize any balance in the Conservation Variance and the Weather Variance deferral accounts. Temporary surcharges and/or refund increments will be applied to the Margin Commodity Rate over the following 12 months or any other appropriate amortization period. The amortization period shall be determined based upon the magnitude of the dollars deferred in the Weather Variance deferral accounts. Any credit balance shall be amortized over twelve months. A debit balance of \$500,000 or less shall be amortized over twelve months, between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 shall be amortized over twenty four months and greater than \$1,000,000 will be amortized over thirty six months.
4. Following the implementation of the new Margin Commodity Rate, the amount deferred in the Weather Variance deferral account will be amortized on a monthly basis. Following the determination of the amount of margin that was lost or gained based upon the comparison of actual HDDs to the amount of HDDs expected for the month, a warm weather surcharge or a cold weather refund amortization rate shall be calculated and applied. The amortization of a monthly margin loss or gain shall occur during the following second month, for example, the November margin loss or gain would be amortized during the following January, December during February and so on.

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PUBLIC PURPOSES FUNDING  
SCHEDULE NO. 31

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**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this provision is to define the funding method for public purposes activities to be administered through one or more independent entities. Public purposes activities include, but may not necessarily be limited to, energy efficiency programs, market transformation and low-income weatherization and bill assistance programs designed to benefit firm sales customers within Cascade Natural Gas's service territory in Oregon.

**TERM:**

This schedule shall terminate on September 30, 2010.

**ADJUSTMENT TO RATES:**

Effective February 1, 2006, a public purpose charge equal to .75% of the total amount billed for energy use in each month will be assessed as a line item on the bill of rate schedules 101 and 104 customers. The level of the public purpose charge will be reviewed and revised as necessary pending the completion of the independent conservation potential analysis.

Effective January 11, 2006, Cascade will provide an additional 0.75% of current revenues generated by rate schedules 101 and 104 as Public Purposes Funds on a monthly basis.

The Public Purposes Funds shall be allocated to specific separate accounts to fund the respective public purposes programs as follows:

- 1.20% will support public purpose funding of energy efficiency programs that replace programs previously administered by Cascade with energy efficiency programs administered by an independent entity.
- 0.30% will support public purpose funding for low-income energy efficiency activities.

**SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

1. 80% of the monies designated as public purpose funding will be transferred to the Energy Trust of Oregon. The Energy Trust of Oregon will use the funds to design, promote and administer Natural Gas energy efficiency programs in accordance with agreements executed between Cascade and the Energy Trust.
2. 20% of the monies designated as public purpose funding will be transferred to two internal program accounts and dispersed to Community Action Agencies (Agencies) for the purpose of adding or expanding low-income weatherization programs and bill assistance programs. Until September 30, 2006, or until such time that the agencies indicate it is feasible to expand the low-income weatherization programs identified in Schedule 33, the entire funding will be used for bill payment assistance programs. Commencing October 1, 2006, .75% of the funding will be designated for low-income conservation programs, and the remaining 25% will be designated for bill payment. The internal accounts shall accrue interest at the Company's currently effective authorized rate of return.

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SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: (Continued from Previous Page)

- 3. On the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month, Cascade will contribute 0.75% towards Public Purposes Funding. This contribution will be based on the amount of the prior month's residential and commercial bill and will be added to the funds collected through the .75% surcharge. On the 20<sup>th</sup> of the following month, Cascade will forward the funds, less a reserve for uncollectibles in an amount equal to Cascade's average percentage of net write-offs, to each fund administrator.
- 4. The Company, and any independent entity selected to administer public purposes programs under this Tariff, will report program results as directed by the Commission. Copies of all reports provided by the fund administrators to the Commission shall also be submitted to the Company for review.
- 5. All Public Purposes Funds will be allocated only to programs that are available within the Company's Oregon service territory.

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OREGON LOW INCOME BILL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
SCHEDULE NO. 32

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**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this provision is to define the mechanism for providing Low Income bill assistance funding to the independent entities delivering the program and to define the process through which those funds will be allocated to the various entities providing services to Low Income Residential customers within Cascade Natural Gas's service territory in Oregon. This tariff schedule works in conjunction with Schedule 31 and Schedule 33.

**GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITION:**

The monies provided by the public purpose funding, defined in Schedule 31, will be transferred to an internal program account and dispersed to Community Action Agencies (Agencies) for the purpose of adding or expanding low-income bill assistance and weatherization programs on a monthly basis.

**SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

1. In order to participate in the program, an Agency must be a legal entity, contracting or subcontracting with the State of Oregon, Department of Housing and Community Services (OHCS), which is eligible to administer funding under the Federal Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP).
2. All funds allocated to the agencies will be distributed only to income-eligible Residential customers of Cascade Natural Gas. Fund distribution will be accomplished using a cashless voucher system. The cashless voucher system will allow the transfer of authorized payments to an individual customer's utility account from the Oregon Low Income Bill Assistance program account based on an electronic voucher list submitted to the company by each participating agency. The company will process the voucher as soon as possible following receipt of the voucher list. In the event the Company receives a voucher authorization for a single customer from two or more agencies, the Company will process only one voucher authorization.
3. The company will determine the allocation of bill assistance funds to the participating agencies at the beginning of each program year based on the same allocation used by OHCS to allocate funds under LIHEAP during the previous program year, except that the funds may be reallocated at any time during the program year, if the company, at its sole discretion, determines that such a re-allocation is the most effective and efficient use of the available funds.
4. Each participating agency will have sole responsibility to screen and approve applicants for eligibility. Each agency shall follow the established protocols for the qualification of and disbursement to eligible participants in accordance with the guidelines promulgated by OHCS and the Low-Income Energy Assistance Act of 1981 and subsequent amendments, as outlined in the OHCS Omnibus Contract. The amount of assistance for eligible participants shall be based on the LIEAP/OEA Poverty Guidelines and Payment Matrix from the OHCS Operations Manual for these programs. Any voucher authorization received by the Company that exceeds these guidelines will be appropriately adjusted. If a customer has a credit balance due to the receipt of low-income assistance and the customer turns-off, the credit balance will be redirected to the agencies allocation for distribution to other clients.

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SCHEDULE NO. 32

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**SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: (Continued from Previous Page)**

- 5. Each agency will provide a summary report providing information on the prior month's program activities. The report must identify the number of families assisted and their location, the amount of funds dispersed. The Company must receive all reports by the 20<sup>th</sup> business day of each month.
- 6. The Bill Payment Program year will extend from October 1 through September 30. Any amounts not disbursed in the program year will carry over to the next program year. The Company will provide an annual summary evaluation report on the progress of the program for review by the Commission by December 1 following the end of each program year.

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OREGON LOW INCOME WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM  
SCHEDULE NO. 33

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**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this provision is to define the terms and conditions under which that portion of the funds designated for use for low-income weatherization programs under Schedule 31 "Public Purpose Funding" will be administered and delivered to eligible customers.

**AVAILABLE:**

This program is available to income-eligible residential dwellings served by Cascade where the primary heating equipment in the residential dwelling is fueled by natural gas. Any residential dwelling that received assistance for the installation of the same or similar measures under any other energy efficiency program will not be eligible for assistance under this program.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The Oregon Low-Income Weatherization (OLIW) Program is a program designed to increase energy efficiency in low-income households within Cascade's service territory by providing rebates for the installation of certain weatherization measures in qualifying residential dwellings following the completion of a home energy evaluation performed by qualifying Community Action Agencies (Agencies).

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES:**

The following energy efficiency measures qualify for rebate under this program:

- Ceiling, floor, wall and duct insulation
- Duct sealing (per Oregon Office of Energy standards)
- Infiltration system (weather stripping and caulking)
- High-efficiency furnace installations (90+ % efficient) where cost effective
- Furnace tune-up and filter replacement

**PROGRAM YEAR:**

The OLIW Program year will extend from October 1 through September 30. The Company, by December 1, will provide an annual summary report on the progress of the weatherization program for review by the Commission following the end of each program year.

**CUSTOMER QUALIFICATIONS:**

All funds collected under this program will be distributed only to qualifying income-eligible Residential Customers of Cascade. In the event the Company receives a rebate request for a single customer from two or more Agencies, the Company will process only one rebate request.

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OREGON LOW INCOME WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM  
SCHEDULE NO. 33

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FUNDS COLLECTION AND AGENCY ALLOCATIONS:

1. The Company will determine the allocation of funds to participating Agencies at the beginning of each program year based on the same allocation used by Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to allocate funds under the Federal Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) during the previous program year. The Company will advise each agency at the beginning of each program year of the amount the Company estimates will be available to each agency in that year.
2. In the Company's sole discretion, funds may be re-allocated among the agencies at any time during the program year whenever the Company determines that such a re-allocation is the most effective and efficient use of the available funds. The Company will not make any such re-allocation without first providing advance notice to the affected agencies.
3. Any amounts not disbursed in the program year will carry over to the next program year.

AGENCY QUALIFICATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. In order to participate in the program, an Agency must be a legal entity, contracting or subcontracting with the State of Oregon, Department of Housing and Community Services (OHCS), which is eligible to administer funding under the Federal Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP).
2. Each participating agency will have sole responsibility to screen and approve applicants for eligibility. Each Agency shall follow the established protocols for the qualification of and disbursement to eligible participants in accordance with the guidelines promulgated by OHCS and the Low-Income Energy Assistance Act of 1981 and subsequent amendments, as outlined in the OHCS Omnibus Contract.
3. Each participating agency shall be responsible to complete and return to the Company, all required paperwork and other documentation as may be necessary for the Company to process the rebate request. The company will provide the documentation forms to each participating agency in electronic or hard copy form, whichever is requested. At a minimum the documentation must include the agency name, customer name, the landlord name and address, if applicable, the address of the qualifying households, the square footage of the home, a list of the measures installed, the rebate amount per measure and total rebate per household.

REBATE PAYMENTS:

1. The Company will reimburse participating agencies for the installation of qualifying measures installed in each eligible household based on the table shown on Schedule 33-B

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**OREGON LOW INCOME WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM**  
**SCHEDULE NO. 33**  
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**REBATE PAYMENTS: (continued from pervious page)**

Measure	Therm Savings Factor Per Square Foot	Avoided Cost Per Therm	Rebate per Home
Install ceiling insulation where no ceiling insulation exists	0.088	\$9.05	Therm savings factor x square footage x avoided cost per therm
Install ceiling insulation where ceiling insulation <R 12 exists	0.034	\$9.05	Therm savings factor x square footage x avoided cost per therm
Install floor insulation	0.052	\$9.05	Therm savings factor x square footage x avoided cost per therm
Install wall insulation	0.074	\$9.05	Therm savings factor x square footage x avoided cost per therm
	Therm savings factor per linear foot		(Therm savings factor x square footage)/(square footage x average linear ft of ductwork per sq ft) x avoided cost per therm
Install duct insulation	0.136	\$9.05	
Install duct sealing	---	---	\$371
Install infiltration measures	---	---	\$120
Install high-efficiency furnace	---	---	\$500
Install direct vent spaceheater	---	---	\$277
Perfrom furnace tune-up	---	---	\$56

2. In no event will any rebate amount be greater than the actual installed cost of the measure.

**PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND DELIVERY COSTS:**

- Each agency will be reimbursed from the Low Income Weatherization account for administrative costs and direct program costs incurred by them in their administration and delivery of the OLIW Program in the amount of \$225 per household. The Agency fee will be paid to each agency along with each rebate payment. The Company will process rebates and agency payments within thirty days from the date the Company receives all completed documentation in support of such rebate requests.
- The company will be reimbursed for actual first year program set up costs from the Weatherization account in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.
- The Company will be reimbursed from the OLIW account each month for actual program administration costs incurred, except that such reimbursement will not exceed 5% of the total available funds collected during each program year.

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OREGON LOW INCOME WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM  
SCHEDULE NO. 33  
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PROGRAM EVALUATION:

1. The Company will have a program baseline assessment performed as soon as practical following the effective date of this Schedule.
2. An advisory Group will be formed to assist the Company in program evaluation and development. The advisory group will consists of at least one member each from the Company, the Commission staff, The Community Action Directors of Oregon (CADO) and from two or more participating agencies.
3. Following the end of program year, the Company will arrange for an independent program performance evaluation to be paid from the Low-Income Weatherization funds identified in Schedule 31 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 per year.
4. The Company will use the Advisory Group process and the independent program evaluation results to modify the program structure and processes where appropriate. These processes may also be used to assess whether or not any change to low-income weatherization funding levels is appropriate.

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS  
FIRM SALES CUSTOMERS  
SCHEDULE NO. 34

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**PURPOSE:**

This provision is intended to provide an economical and effective means of conserving Natural Gas through the reduction of heat loss in Residential dwellings and Commercial buildings and in the improvement of the efficiency of space heating, water heating, and energy utilization of the dwellings.

**AVAILABLE:**

This program is available to all firm sales customers served by Cascade.

**INFORMATION TO CUSTOMERS:**

The Company will provide to its firm sales customers, general and technical information about energy efficiency services offered by the Company, and about energy efficiency programs available through the Energy Trust of Oregon (Energy Trust), that will improve the efficiency of space heating and energy utilization of Residential dwellings and Commercial/Industrial facilities. This information may be provided through the use of bill inserts, displays (all offices), booklets, handouts, advertisements, and industry and public agency literature.

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS:**

The Energy Trust of Oregon has been approved to deliver and administer energy efficiency programs to Cascade's customers. Customers may participate in such programs by contacting the Energy Trust directly, or a Cascade representative will connect the Customer upon request.

**CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION:**

Firm Sales customers will be notified annually by "bill insert:" that (1) information on energy efficiency is available from the company; (2) that energy efficiency programs are available through the Energy Trust; (3) how to obtain energy efficiency information from the Company; and (4) how to contact the Energy Trust.

Notification to rental unit owners will be made by mail when a tenant who is a customer: (a) requests that the material be mailed to the owner; and (b) furnishes the owner's name and address with the request.

**GENERAL TERMS:**

This Schedule is governed by the terms of this Schedule, the General Rules and Regulations contained in this Tariff and by all rules and regulations prescribed by regulatory authorities, as amended from time to time.

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