

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

CASCADE NATURAL GAS  
CORPORATION

Request for Authorization to Establish a  
Decoupling Mechanism and Approval of  
Tariff Sheets No. 30 and No. 30-A.

RULING

**DISPOSITION: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME GRANTED**

By Order No. 06-191, entered April 19, 2006, the Commission approved a stipulation adopting the Conservation Alliance Plan (CAP or Plan) of Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade or Company). In Section 8 of the approved stipulation, the parties agreed to recommend that the Plan remain in effect until September 30, 2010, and that there be an independent evaluation study examined by the parties. Specifically, the Company must "submit the results of the independent study to the Parties and to the Commission and further, request by petition that the Commission open an investigation on the issue of whether to continue the CAP..." by no later than March 31, 2010.

By letter dated March 19, 2010, Cascade requested that the Commission extend the filing date for submission of the independent study from March 31, 2010, to May 15, 2010, or approximately 6 weeks. In support of its request, the Company states that, with the approval of the Commission staff (Staff), it "engaged an independent consultant...to provide a comprehensive review and written evaluation of the CAP. The Consultant is in the process of finalizing its preliminary draft and has indicated that an extension will be required to provide adequate time for review of this draft by the Company, Staff and Parties to the stipulation." The Company represents that it has notified all Parties to the proceeding and that, to its knowledge none have interposed any objection to its request.

**RULING**

I find that good cause has been shown for granting the extension of time and that no party will be adversely affected thereby. The request of Cascade Natural Gas Corporation for an extension of time in which to file the independent study is GRANTED. The independent study shall be filed with the Commission no later than May 15, 2010.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2010.



Allan J. Arlow  
Administrative Law Judge