

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UG 347

In the Matter of

CASCADE NATURAL GAS  
CORPORATION,

Request for a General Rate Revision.

RULING

**DISPOSITION: MOTION TO ADMIT STIPULATION AND SUPPORTING TESTIMONY GRANTED; STIPULATION, STIPULATION ADDENDUM AND JOINT TESTIMONY ADMITTED INTO THE RECORD; REQUEST FOR WAIVER DISMISSED AS MOOT; PARTIES PRE-FILED TESTIMONY ADMITTED INTO THE RECORD**

On November 20, 2018, the administrative law judge suspended the procedural schedule in recognition of the representations of Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade), the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB), the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (AWEC), and the Commission Staff (stipulating parties) that they had reached an agreement in principle on a comprehensive settlement resolving all issues in this proceeding.

On January 22, 2019, Cascade, on behalf of the stipulating parties, filed a Stipulation of the Joint Parties with the Commission. On the same date, Cascade filed a motion to admit the stipulation into the record as evidence in the proceeding and requested that the Commission waive the requirement in OAR 860-001-0350(7) that settlements be accompanied by joint testimony or a supporting brief when filed. Cascade represents that the stipulating parties support the motion and request for waiver. In support of the motion and request for waiver, Cascade stated that the filing of the stipulation was consistent with the status report filed by the Commission Staff on January 15, 2019, which indicated that the stipulating parties anticipated filing the stipulation within a matter of days, with joint testimony to follow.

On February 1, 2019, the parties filed a status letter. On February 8, 2019, on behalf of the joint parties, Cascade filed a Stipulation Addendum of the Joint Parties and Joint Testimony of the Stipulating Parties in Support of the Stipulation.

On February 8, 2019, Staff filed a motion to admit pre-filed staff exhibits together with declarations of their sponsoring witnesses as follows:

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>
Staff Exhibit 100	Opening Testimony of Marianne Gardner
Staff Exhibit 101	Witness Qualification Statement of Marianne Gardner
Staff Exhibit 200	Opening Testimony of John L. Fox

Staff Exhibit 201	Witness Qualification Statement of John L. Fox
Staff Exhibit 202	Cascade Responses to Staff Data Requests
Staff Exhibit 300	Opening Testimony of Brian Fjeldheim
Staff Exhibit 301	Witness Qualification Statement of Brian Fjeldheim
Staff Exhibit 400	Opening Testimony of Scott Gibbens
Staff Exhibit 401	Witness Qualification Statement of Scott Gibbens
Staff Exhibit 402	Cascade Forecast Model Design Document
Staff Exhibit 500	Opening Testimony of Deborah Glosser
Staff Exhibit 600	Opening Testimony of Mitchell Moore
Staff Exhibit 601	Witness Qualification Statement of Mitchell Moore
Staff Exhibit 700	Opening Testimony of Sabrina Soldavini
Staff Exhibit 701	Witness Qualification Statement of Sabrina Soldavini
Staff Exhibit 702	Cascade 2017 Cost Allocation Manual
Staff Exhibit 703	Cascade 2015 Cost Allocation Manual
Staff Exhibit 704	NARUC Guidelines for Cost Allocations and Affiliate Transactions
Staff Exhibit 705	Cascade Data Request Responses
Staff Exhibit 800	Opening Testimony of Paul Rossow
Staff Exhibit 801	Witness Qualification Statement of Paul Rossow
Staff Exhibit 900	Opening Testimony of Jeffrey Watson
Staff Exhibit 901	Witness Qualification Statement of Jeffrey Watson
Staff Exhibit 902	Workpaper and Analysis of Pension Expense
Staff Exhibit 903	Workpaper and Analysis of Medical Benefit Expenses
Staff Exhibit 1000	Opening Testimony of Kathy Zarate
Staff Exhibit 1001	Witness Qualification Statement of Kathy Zarate
Staff Exhibit 1002	Cascade Responses to Data Requests
Staff Exhibit 1100	Opening Testimony of Ming Peng
Staff Exhibit 1101	Witness Qualification Statement of Ming Peng

Staff Exhibit 1102	Cascade Responses to Data Requests
Staff Exhibit 1200	Testimony of John L. Fox in Support of Stipulation
Staff Exhibit 1201	Summary of Proposed Gross Plant Adjustments
Staff Exhibit 1202	Cascade Response to Staff Data Requests
Staff Exhibit 1300	Testimony of Matt Muldoon and Jeffrey Watson in Support of Stipulation
Staff Exhibit 1301	Witness Qualification Statement of Matthew Muldoon
Staff Exhibit 1302	Updated Witness Qualification Statement of Jeffrey Watson
Staff Exhibit 1303	Staff Three-Stage DCF Peer Screening
Staff Exhibit 1304	Staff Three-Stage DCF ROE Screening
Staff Exhibit 1305	Staff Simple Single-Stage DCF ROE Screening
Staff Exhibit 1306	Staff Capital Asset Pricing Model ROE Modeling
Staff Exhibit 1307	Long Run 10-30 Year Gross Domestic Product (GDP) Growth
Staff Exhibit 1308	Long Run Real GDP Growth Rates with BEA Data
Staff Exhibit 1309	CONFIDENTIAL-Cost of LT Debt Table & Maturity Profile
Staff Exhibit 1310	News that Investors are Seeing

On February 11, 2019, Cascade filed a motion to admit testimony and exhibits supported by declaration of their sponsoring witnesses as follows:

Nicole A. Kivisto	CNGC/100 CNGC/200-204, CNGC/800-802, CNGC/900-903, CNGC/1000-1001, and Stipulating Parties/100
Michael P. Parvinen	
Maryalice C. Peters	CNGC/300-306 and CNGC/700-703
Isaac D. Myhrum	CNGC/400-401
Pamela J. Archer	CNGC/500-502 and CNGC/1500-1502
Ronald J. Amen	CNGC/600-609, and CNGC/1600
Ryan Privratsky	CNGC/900-903
Stephanie Barth	CNGC/1000-1001
Linda L. Murray	CNGC/1100-1103
Tammy Nygard	CNGC/1200-1204
Brian Robertson	CNGC/1300
Del Herner	CNGC/1400-1402

