

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: October 22, 2019**

REGULAR CONSENT EFFECTIVE DATE November 1, 2019

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TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Kathy Zarate

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer and John Crider **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: CASCADE NATURAL GAS: (Docket No. ADV 1010/Advice No. 019-09-01) Requests housekeeping revisions to Rule 6.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve Cascade Natural Gas' (Cascade) Advice No. 019-09-01, effective November 1, 2019, as requested.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Commission should allow Cascade to increase the number of days a customer has when a bill is due and payable once it is rendered from fifteen days to twenty-two days.

Applicable Law

The Company's filing involves tariff sheets that are governed by ORS 757.205 and OAR 860-022-0025. Under ORS 757.205(1), a public utility must file schedules showing all rates, tolls, and charges for service that have been established and are in force at the time. Tariff revisions or corrections may be made by filing revised sheets with the information required under the Commission's administrative rules, including OAR 860-022-0005 and OAR 860-022-0025.

Filings that make 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 changes. Under

OAR 860-021-0125, the current 15-day due and payable period is the minimum, but there is no maximum.

Analysis

On September 13, 2019, Cascade submitted this filing to update the Company Rule 6 to increase the numbers of days a customer has when a bill is due and payable once it is rendered.

The changes either correct grammatical errors or reflect updates to previous Commission-approved tariff changes. In this case, the Company revisited the reasons for these changes in its review of this filing and only corrected the days after they are rendered.

The Company proposes the following change on Rule 6:

1. Rule 6, under General rule, Paragraph 1 / end of Line 3 - "fifteen" was deleted and "twenty-two" was added.

After review, Staff concludes that the revisions filed by Cascade are appropriate. By their housekeeping nature, none of the revisions affect customers' rates or tariff eligibilities. Staff reviewed the proposed schedule changes to ensure that they were consistent with the rates approved by the Commission. Staff also reviewed the entire tariff file to ensure no other schedules were affected by the recent changes. Staff identified no issues or errors with the filing and recommends the Commission approve the tariff changes as filed, allowing the housekeeping revisions to go into effect for service on and after November 1, 2019. No requests for information were sent to the Company as the filing was self-explanatory and included the necessary documentation.

Conclusion

Staff supports Commission adoption of the Company's filing.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Allow PacifiCorp's Advice No. 019-09-01, to go into effect for service rendered on and after November 1, 2019.