



August 1, 2023

Oregon Public Utility Commission
Attn: Filing Center
201 High Street S.E., Suite 100
Salem, OR 97301-3398

Re: UM-2230 – Reauthorization for Deferred Accounting Treatment of Energy Discount Program Costs and Revenues

In accordance with Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 757.259(2)(e), ORS 752.072(4), and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 860-027-0300(4), Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade or Company) files the attached application (Application) for an order reauthorizing deferred accounting treatment for all incremental costs and revenues associated with the Company's Schedule 36, Energy Discount Program (EDP) and Schedule 37, the Energy Discount Program Cost Recovery.

The Company's EDP is offered in compliance with Oregon House Bill 2475, The Energy Affordability Act, partially codified as ORS 757.230. Cascade seeks reauthorization for the 12-month period beginning October 1, 2023.

If you have any questions regarding this application, please contact me at (509) 734-4549.

Sincerely,

/s/ Chris Mickelson

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Enclosures

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

UM 2230

In the Matter of

CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION

Amended Application for Approval of Deferred Accounting for Costs and Revenues Associated with Cascade's Energy Discount Program

**APPLICATION FOR
REAUTHORIZATION FOR
DEFERRED ACCOUNTING**

I. INTRODUCTION

In accordance with Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 757.259(2)(e), ORS 752.072(4), and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 860-027-0300(4), Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade or Company) files this application (Application) with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) for an order reauthorizing deferred accounting treatment for all incremental costs and revenues associated with the Company's Schedule 36, Energy Discount Program and Schedule 37, Energy Discount Program Cost Recovery. The Company's Energy Discount Program is offered in compliance with Oregon House Bill 2475, The Energy Affordability Act, partially codified as ORS 757.230. Cascade seeks reauthorization for the 12-month period beginning October 1, 2023.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

Cascade waives paper service in this docket and requests that all communications in this docket be addressed to the following:

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III. APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO DEFER

In compliance with the requirements established in OAR 860-027-0300(4) Cascade submits the following:

A. Description of Utility Expense or Revenue [OAR 860-027-0300(3)(a)]

Cascade requests reauthorization to defer the incremental costs and revenues associated with offering service to qualified low-income residential customers on Schedule 36, Energy Discount Program, and collecting forecasted program costs per Schedule 37, Energy Discount Program Cost Recovery.

B. Reasons for Deferral [OAR 1 860-027-0300(3)(b)]

Cascade requests authorization to defer the costs and revenues to administer its Energy Discount Program, which is offered in compliance with ORS 757.230. The deferral may be authorized under ORS 759.259(2)(e) to minimize the frequency of rate changes or the fluctuation of rate levels or to match the costs borne by and benefits received by ratepayers.

C. Proposed Accounting [OAR 860-027-0300(3)(c)]

If this application for reauthorization is approved, Cascade will record the deferral amount as a regulatory asset in FERC Account 182.3 (Other Regulatory Assets), crediting various applicable FERC accounts.

D. Estimate of Amounts [OAR 860-027-0300(3)(d)]

Cascade estimates the deferred expense and revenue for the 12-month period beginning

October 1, 2023, to be near net zero based on costs and revenues experienced in the first program year.

E. Notice [OAR 860-27-0300(3)(e)]

A copy of the Notice of Application and a list of persons served with the notice are attached as Appendix A to this application.

F. A description and explanation of the entries in the deferred account to the date of the application for reauthorization [OAR 860-027-0300(4)(a)]

Please see the workpapers attached as "UM-2230-CNGC-Pet-Acct-WP-08-01-23.xlsx" for a summary of the costs and revenues deferred per UM 2230 since October 1, 2022.

G. The Reason for Continuation of Deferred Accounting [OAR 860-027-0300(4)(b)]

The Company requests the reauthorization of deferred accounting for its Energy Discount Program because the program, and therefore, program costs and revenues are continuing in nature.

Respectfully submitted this 1st day of August 2023.

Sincerely,

/s/ Chris Mickelson

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APPENDIX A

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation

August 1, 2023

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO DEFER COSTS
FOR INTERVENOR FUNDING**

To All Parties Who Participated in UG-390

Please be advised that today, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (“Cascade” or the “Company”) applied for reauthorization to defer costs and revenues associated with its Energy Discount Program offered in accordance with the Company’s Schedules 36 and 37. Copies of the Company’s application are available for inspection at the Company’s main office.

Parties who would like additional information or would like a copy of the filing, or notice of the time and place of any hearing, if scheduled, should contact the Company or the Public Utility Commission of Oregon as follows:

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Any person may submit to the Commission written comments on the application no sooner than 25 days from the date of this notice.

The Company’s application will not authorize a change in rates but will permit the Commission to consider allowing such deferred amount in rates in a subsequent proceeding.

APPENDIX A

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served by electronic mail the foregoing NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REAUTHORIZAION TO DEFER SCHEDULES 36 and 37, ENERGY DISCOUNT PROGRAM costs and revenues upon all parties of record in UG-390, which is the Company’s latest general rate case.

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Dated this 1st day of August 2023.

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