

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: December 28, 2023**

REGULAR **CONSENT** **EFFECTIVE DATE** December 29, 2023

DATE: December 5, 2023

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Mitchell Moore

THROUGH: Bryan Conway, Marc Hellman, and Matt Muldoon **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: CASCADE NATURAL GAS:
(Docket No. ADV 1558/Advice No. O23-11-01)
Requests housekeeping changes to Tariff P.U.C. Or. No. 10 that reorganize presentation of rate schedules.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission approve Cascade Natural Gas's (Cascade, CNG, or Company) housekeeping filing that revises its Tariff P.U.C. Or. No. 10 with an effective date for service on and after December 29, 2023.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve Cascade's proposed housekeeping revisions to its Tariff P.U.C. Or. No. 10, with an effective date of December 29, 2023.

Applicable Law

The Commission may approve tariff changes if they are deemed to be fair, just, and reasonable. ORS 757.210. Tariff revisions may be made by filing revised sheets with the information required under the Commission's administrative rules, including OAR 860-022-0025. Filings that propose 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 change. See ORS 757.220; OAR 860-022-0020.

Analysis

On November 9, 2023, Cascade filed a request to file housekeeping revisions to its Tariff P.U.C. Or. No. 10. Overall, the filing corrects typographical errors, and introduces a new Schedule 99, Rate Summary Sheet, which itemizes the applicable charges for gas service on each rate schedule. It also standardizes the odorant charge in Schedule 800.

Specifically:

- Sheet Nos. 2.2 and 2.3 are revised to correct the numbered and lettered lists.
- Sheet Nos. 99.1, 99.2, 99.3, and 99.4 comprise a new schedule which lists out the charges for gas service under each rate schedule. The Company states that the additional schedule allows for administrative efficiency when requesting multiple rate changes, while maintaining the transparency of customer charges within the Company's tariff.
- Sheet No. 99.4 includes the charges for Schedule 800 service. The odorant charge is changed from a seven to a five decimal charge, making it consistent with Cascade's other per therm charges, and conforms to the requirements of the Company's billing system. The change does not affect any customers since no customers are currently receiving service on Schedule 800.
- Sheet Nos. 101.1, 104.1, 105.1, 111.1, 163.1, 170.1, and 800.2 are revised to state that the detail on rates previously listed in each rate schedule is now itemized on Schedule 99.
- Sheet No. 800.1 is revised to correct a rule citation.
- Revised index to include Schedule 99.

The filing also seeks to withdraw Sheet No. 111.2, as the text previously on this sheet is moved onto sheet 111.1.

Conclusion

Staff reviewed the Company's filing and the Company's red-line requested changes to its Oregon PUC Tariff No. 10. Staff is satisfied that the changes are appropriate, do not make substantive changes and reflect the current status of the tariff as previously approved by the Commission.

ADV 1558/Advice No. O23-11-01
December 5, 2023
Page 3

The Company has reviewed this memo and agrees with its content.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve Cascade's housekeeping filing that revises its Tariff P.U.C. Or. No. 10 for service on and after December 29, 2023.

CNG ADV 1558 / Advice No. 023-11-01 Housekeeping