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April 17, 2020

Public Utility Commission of Oregon Attn: Filing Center P.O. Box 1088 Salem, OR 97308-1088

Re: UG-390 - Cascade's Affidavit Regarding Notice of General Rate Revision

In compliance with OAR 860-022-0017(4), Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade or the Company) files the attached affidavit testifying that a bill insert notifying customers of the Company's General Rate Revision (UG-390) is included in April bills for gas service. A copy of the notice is also attached.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher T. Mickelson

Christopher T. Mickelson Manager, Regulatory Affairs

Attachments

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON UG-390

In the Matter of CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION

Application for a General Rate Revision

AFFIDAVIT OF CHRISTOPHER

T. MICKELSON REGARDING NOTICE OF
CASCADE'S GENERAL RATE REVISION

I, Christopher T. Mickelson, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and say:

- My full name is Christopher T. Mickelson. I am Manager of Regulatory Affairs with Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade or Company).
- 2. Cascade filed an application for a general rate case revision with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon on March 31, 2020, Docket UG-390.
- 3. In accordance with OAR 860-022-0017, Cascade provided notice of its application for a general rate revision by inserting an announcement in customers' bill inserts for gas usage beginning April 9th, 2020. The announcement complies with the requirements for content as established in OAR 860-022-0017(3), and a copy is attached.
- 4. The Company's request for a waiver of OAR 860-022-0017(1) was approved by Order No. 20-120 by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon at a public meeting on April 7, 2020.
- I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
 SIGNED this 17th day of April 2020, in Kennewick, Washington.

Signed/

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 17th day of April 2020, in Kennewick, Washington.

PAMELA J ARCHER Notary Public State of Washington License Number 207020 My Commission Expires March 26, 2023

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AFFIDAVIT OF CHRISTOPHER T. MICKELSON

IMPORTANT CUSTOMER NOTICE

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation files natural gas rate increase request

This announcement provides Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade) customers with general information about the Company's general rate case filing and its potential effect on their bills. Calculations and statements within this announcement are informational only and are not binding on the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (PUC or Commission).

On March 31, 2020, Cascade filed a request with the Commission to increase natural gas rates. The main reason for the rate increase request is to recover investments in natural gas facilities to ensure safe and reliable service.

The proposed increase is for \$4.8 million annually over current rates or a 7.21% overall increase. Cascade serves about 77,000 customers in 25 Oregon communities.

If approved, a typical residential customer with 58 therms of monthly usage would see a bill increase of \$4.42 or 8.77%. A typical commercial customer with an average



monthly usage of 250 therms would see a bill increase of \$2.54 or 1.45%. A typical industrial customer with 1,764 therms of monthly usage would see a bill increase of \$177.53 or 15.49%.

Cascade understands that in light of the COVID-19 crisis and the hardships it has created, customers may question the timing of this rate request. Prior to the onset of the current crisis the company had invested over \$17 million to ensure the safety and reliability of our system. Recovering that investment is important for the viability of the company and the safety of our customers. The Oregon PUC has 10 months to review the filing and if it approves a price increase it would not be implemented until February 2021.

The rate case filing may be found on the Company's website: www.cngc.com. Hardcopies of the rate case filing are available for inspection upon request. For additional information, please call the Company at 888-522-1130 or write to: Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, 8113 W. Grandridge Blvd, Kennewick, WA 99336-7166.

For additional information about this proceeding, including hearing dates, please call the Commission at 800-522-2404 or send written questions to:

Public Utility Commission of Oregon, PO Box 1088, Salem, OR 97308-1088.

Customer Service: 888-522-1130

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