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Oregon Public Utility Commission P.O. Box 1088 Salem, OR 97308-1088

Subject: RG-36(7) Spring Earnings Review and Statement of Operations and Rate of Return - Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2018

Enclosed for filing is Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's Spring Earnings Review and Statement of Operations and Rate of Return Report for the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2018 for the State of Oregon.

The Spring Earnings Review has been prepared pursuant to the Earnings Sharing Stipulation approved in OPUC Order No. 98-543, as amended in Order No. 04-203 and in accordance with OAR 860-022-0070. A list of Type 1 adjustments that should be included in the earnings review were attached to Order No. 99-272 as appendix B. Based upon that list, this report contains normalizing adjustments (Type I Adjustments) to normalize Cascade's earnings. The resulting normalized earnings are compared to the Earnings Threshold for the reporting period. For Cascade, the normalized earnings result in an implied return on equity of 6.54%, which is below the current earnings threshold of 10.43%.

Additionally, the remaining portion of the report shows that Cascade's implied return on equity would be 8.39% after "Type II" or annualizing adjustments.

If there are any questions regarding these documents or the filing in general, please contact me at (509) 734-4593.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

In the Community to Serve

CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION
Statement of Operations and Rate of Return
Twelve Months Ended
December 31, 2018
State of Oregon Operations

CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION

State of Oregon

Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2018 Description of Adjustments

Type I Adjustments

(a) Removal of Promotional Advertising Expense

Removes all promotional advertising for the test period

(b) Removal of 25% of Membership Fees

Removes 25% of Membership Fees paid in the test period

(c) Normalize Uncollectible Expense

Restates uncollectible expense to the 3 year average of actual net write-offs

(d) Incentive Compensation Adjustment

Adjusts test period expense for Officers and Employees incentive compensation

(e) Interest Coordination Adjustment

Adjusts interest expense to the level associated with the current weighted average cost of debt

CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION

State of Oregon

Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2018 Description of Adjustments

Type II Adjustments

(a) Annualized Wage Rate

Adjusts the reporting period operating expenses to reflect the effects of the general wage increase as if it had been in effect for the entire period.

(b) PGA Commodity Sharing Adjustment

Adjusts test period revenue to add the revenues associated with the sharing of commodity costs through the PGA mechanism.

Earnings Deferral

State of Oregon

12 months ended December 31, 2018

Adjusted overall rate of return Less return required for:		6.57%
Long term debt		-2.56%
Preferred stock		0.00%
		0.0070
Return available for common		4.01%
Capitalization ratio for common		50.75%
Cupitanization ratio for common	-	30.7370
Implied ROE (common return / ratio)		7.90%
Threshold per OPUC order 18-253		10.43%
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Return on Equity in excess of threshold		-2.53%
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Capitalization ratio for common		50.75%
Overall Return in excess of threshold		-1.28%
Average rate base	\$	95,094,957
Excess earnings	\$	(1,217,215)
Net to Gross Conversion Factor		0.70865
Pre-Tax over the threshold Earnings	\$	(1,717,646)
Earnings sharing percentage		33.00%
Earnings Sharing for CY 18	\$	(566,823)

ADJUSTED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND RATE OF RETURN FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 12/31/18

		Order 99-272		Total	Total		Total
	Statement of	Appendix B		Adjusted	Annualizing		Adjusted
				3	Ŭ		Results at
Description		-			-		12/31/18
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(a)	(0)	(c)	-	(u)	(0)		(1)
OPERATING REVENUES							
	\$ 59.535.462	\$ 0	\$	59.535.462	\$ 0	\$	59,535,462
						Ψ	4,125,679
=					-		(945,873)
	,					\$	62,715,267
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OPERATING EXPENSES							
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TOTAL OF ERATING EAF ENSES	\$ 24,307,322	\$ (0.54,000)) p	23,033,430	\$ 129,030	φ	23,763,112
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ 5,590,503	\$ 654,066	\$	6,244,569	\$ 244,580	\$	6,489,149
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							(26,848,725)
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TOTAL RATE BASE	\$ 95,094,957	\$ 0	\$	95,094,957	\$ 0	\$	95,094,957
RATE OF RETURN	5.88%			6.57%			6.82%
IMPLIED RETURN ON EQUITY							
	2.56%			2.56%			2.56%
	0.00%			0.00%			0.00%
=							
Common Stock	3.32%			4.01%			4.26%
IMPLIED RETURN (Divide by Ratio of							
Common to Total: 50.75%	6.54%			7.90%			8.39%
	RATE BASE Total Plant in Service Total Accumulated Depreciation Contributions in Aid of Construct. Customer Advances for Construction Deferred Accumulated Income Taxes Deferred Debits Working Capital Allowance TOTAL RATE BASE RATE OF RETURN IMPLIED RETURN ON EQUITY LESS: Return Required for Long Term Debt LESS: Return Required for Preferred Stock Adjusted Return Available for Common Stock IMPLIED RETURN (Divide by Ratio of	(a) (b) OPERATING REVENUES Natural Gas Sales \$ 59,535,462 Gas Transportation Revenue 4,125,679 Other Operating Revenues (1,320,109) SUBTOTAL \$ 62,341,032 LESS: Nat. Gas/Production Costs 29,629,944 Revenue Taxes 2,813,063 OPERATING MARGIN \$ 29,898,025 OPERATING EXPENSES Production Production \$ 88,246 Distribution \$ 6,526,422 Customer Accounts 1,830,230 Customer Accounts 1,830,230 Customer Service 297,373 Sales 1,293 Administrative & General 6,112,365 Depreciation & Amortization 7,064,494 Regulatory Debits 0 Taxes Other Than Income 22,292,725 NET OPERATING INCOME \$ 5,590,503 RATE BASE Total Plant in Service \$ 226,716,210 Total Plant in Service \$ 226,716,210 Total Accumulated Depreciation (104,358,212) Custom	Description	Description	Description (a)	Description	Description

ORDER 99-272 APPENDIX B (TYPE I) ADJUSTMENTS FOR RATE OF RETURN FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 12/31/18

			Promotional	Removal of	Normalize	Incentive	Interest	Total
Line			Advertising	25% Membership			Coordination	
No.	Description		Adjustment	Fees	Expense	Adjustment	Adjustment	
	r		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	·
	OPERATING REVENUES		()	(*)	(*)	(**/	(*)	
1	Natural Gas Sales	\$	0	0	0		0	\$ 0
2	Gas Transportation Revenue		0	0	0		0	0
3	Other Operating Revenues		0	0	0		0	0
4	TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0
	OPERATING EXPENSES							
5	Natural Gas Purchased	Φ						\$ 0
6	Manufactured Gas Production	φ						φ 0
7	Distribution							0
8	Customer Accounting				(39,188)		0	(39,188)
9	Customer Service				(39,188)			(39,100)
10	Sales		(1,293)					(1,293)
11	Administrative & General		(1,293)	(18,986)		(949,603)	0	(968,588)
12	Depreciation & Amortization			(10,700)		(545,003)		(700,500)
13	Regulatory Debits							0
14	Taxes Other Than Income		0	0	0	0	0	0
15	State & Federal Income Tax		349	5,127	10,582	256,431	82,514	355,003
16	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$	(944)	(13,859)	(28,606)	(693,172)	82,514	<u> </u>
	NET OPERATING INCOME	\$	944	13,859	28,606	693,172	(82,514)	
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	RATE BASE							
18	Total Plant in Service	\$						\$ 0
19	Total Accumulated Depreciation							0
20	Customer Advances for Construc							0
21	Contributions in Aid of Construction							0
22	Deferred Income Taxes - ACRS	l						0
23	Deferred Income Taxes - Other							0
24	Deferred Debits-Oregon Water							0
25	Heater Program							0
26	Deferred Debits-Astoria Cleanup							0
27	Working Capital Allowance							0
28	TOTAL RATE BASE	\$						\$ 0

TYPE II ADJUSTMENTS FOR RATE OF RETURN FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 12/31/18

Line No.	Description		Annualizing Wage Rate Adjustment (a)	PGA Commodity Sharing Adjustment (b)		Total Type II Adjustments
	ODED ATING DEVENIUE					
1	OPERATING REVENUE Natural Gas Sales	\$	0	0	\$	0
2	Gas Transportation Revenue	φ	0	0	φ	0
3	Other Operating Revenue		0	374,235		374,235
4	Total Operating Revenue	\$	0	374,235	\$	374,235
+	Total Operating Revenue	Ψ	0	374,233	Ψ	374,233
	OPERATING EXPENSES					
5	Natural Gas Purchased	\$	0	0	\$	0
6	Manufactured Gas Production	ľ		-	7	0
7	Distribution					0
8	Customer Accounting		0	0		0
9	Customer Service					0
10	Sales					0
11	Administrative & General		28,254	0		28,254
12	Depreciation & Amortization					0
13	Regulatory Debits		0			0
14	Taxes Other Than Income			10,923		10,923
15	State & Federal Income Tax		(7,630)	98,109		90,479
16	Total Operating Expenses	\$	20,624	109,032	\$	129,656
17	NET OPERATING INCOME	\$	(20,624)	265,203	\$	244,580
	RATE BASE					
18	Total Plant in Service	\$			\$	0
19	Total Accumulated Depreciation					0
20	Customer Advances for Construct.					0
21	Contributions Aiding Construct.					0
22	Deferred Income Taxes - ACRS					0
23	Deferred Income Taxes - Other					0
24	Deferred Debits-Oregon Water					0
25	Heater Program					0
26	Deferred Debits-Astoria Cleanup					0
27	Working Capital Allowance	\perp				0
28	TOTAL RATE BASE	\$	0	0	\$	0

TYPE I ADJUSTMENTS

PROMOTIONAL ADVERTISING EXPENSE ADJUSTMENT

State of Oregon

FERC 913 Advertising Expense

CY 2018 \$ 1,293

Removal \$ (1,293)

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation MEMBERSHIP & DUES EXPENSE ADJUSTMENT

State of Oregon

CY 2018 Membersh	nip Fees	\$ 75,942

Removal of 25% of Total \$ (18,986)

NORMALIZE UNCOLLECTIBLE EXPENSE

Net	write	Offs	

Calendar Year 2016	197,056
Calendar Year 2017	226,924
Calendar Year 2018	173,329
	597,309
3 years of Net Write Offs: 2016 - 2018	597,309
Calendar Year 2016 Natural Gas Sales	59,573,715
Calendar Year 2017 Natural Gas Sales	59,895,194
Calendar Year 2018 Natural Gas Sales	59,535,462
	179,004,371
Uncollectible Expenses (Bad Debt Provision) for the 12 months ended 12/31/18	237,848
3 Year Average Net Write Off as a percentage of 2016-2018 Gross Revenues	0.334%
2018 Sales	59,535,462
Proforma Expense	198,660
Adjustment to normalize Uncollectible Expenses	-39,188

CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION

INCENTIVE COMPENSATION ANNUALIZATION ADJUSTMENT

CY18 Officer Incentive Compensation	\$ 543,186		
Oregon Total	\$ 543,186		
Removal	\$ (543,186)		
Total 2018 Employee Incentive Accrual (OR)	\$ 696,714.56		
Incentive tied to Financial Performance (1/3)	\$ 232,238.19	75%	\$ 174,178.64
Incentive encouraging reduced spending (1/3)	\$ 232,238.19	50%	\$ 116,119.09
Incentive fbased on Customer Satisfaction (1/3)	\$ 232,238.19	50%	\$ 116,119.09
Total			\$ 406,416.83
Removal			\$ (406,416.83)

Interest Coordination Adjustment

1-18 to 12-18

OREGON:

				Overall
	Avg of		Weighted	Cost of
	Avgs	Ratio	Cost	Capital
Long Term Debt	228,994,750	49.25%	5.19%	2.56%
Preferred Stock	0	0.00%		0.00%
Common Equity	236,004,372	50.75%	9.40%	4.77%
	464,999,122	100.00%		7.33%

Rate Base 12/31/2018	Avg Cost of Debt	Subtotal	Test period Interest Expense	Adjustment	State and F.I.T.	Total Adjust
95,094,957	2.56%	2,434,431	2,739,994	(305,563)	0.27004	82,514

TYPE I ADJUSTMENT WORKPAPERS

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation Oregon Type 1 Adjustment Memberships & Dues CY 2018

	Professional/ Organization	
	Dues	Total
Location	(5811 & 5912 <u>)</u>	OR
Oregon Direct	4,077	4,077
General Office	71,865	71,865
Total		75,942
Removal of 25% of Total		(18,985)

Source(s): State Allocation Report, Rate Base

, ,	Average of Averages	Ratio	Weighted Cost	Overall Cost of Capital
Long-Term Debt	228,994,750	49.25%	5.19%	2.56%
Preferred Stock	-	0.00%		0.00%
Common Equity-excl Accum OCI	236,004,372	50.75%	9.40%	4.77%
	464,999,122	100.00%		7.33%
Rate base as of	December 31, 2018			98,079,245
Average cost of debt				2.56%
Subtotal				2,510,829
Period Int Exp: Interest on long-term de	ebt 427.0	2,684,603	}	
Period Int Exp: Amort. Of debt discoun	t & exp 428.0	45,980)	
Period Int. Exp: Amort. Of loss on reacc	q debt 428.1	9,411	•	2,739,994
Adjustment				(229,165)
Total adjustment @ State & F.I.T of 39.94%				(61,884)

				5.21% MTN				4.09% Snr Nt	4.24% Snr Nt						
		7.098% MTN	5.25% IQN Due	Due	5.79% Snr Nt	4.11% Snr Nt	4.36% Snr Nt	Due	Due	4.09% Snr Nt	4.24% Snr Nt			COMMON	BALANCE
	7.48% MTN Due 9/15/2027	Due 3/16/2029	2/1/2035	9/1/2020	Due 3/8/2037	Due 8/23/2025	Due 8/23/2028	11/24/2044	11/24/2054	DUE 1/15/2045	DUE 1/15/2055	LOC	TOTAL DEBT	EQUITY	SHEET EQUITY
Jan-18	20,000,000	15,000,000	24,431,000	15,000,000	40,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	16,150,000	230,581,000	230,137,148	230,137,148
Feb-18	20,000,000	15,000,000	24,406,000	15,000,000	40,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	14,300,000	228,706,000	231,881,982	231,881,982
Mar-18	20,000,000	15,000,000	24,406,000	15,000,000	40,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	5,900,000	220,306,000	235,058,846	235,058,846
Apr-18	20,000,000	15,000,000	24,406,000	15,000,000	40,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	4,200,000	218,606,000	235,368,307	235,368,307
May-18	20,000,000	15,000,000	24,401,000	15,000,000	40,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	2,050,000	216,451,000	230,723,525	230,723,525
Jun-18	20,000,000	15,000,000	24,401,000	15,000,000	40,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	4,550,000	218,951,000	227,813,334	227,813,334
Jul-18	20,000,000	15,000,000	24,401,000	15,000,000	40,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	10,400,000	224,801,000	226,019,030	226,019,030
Aug-18	20,000,000	15,000,000	24,401,000	15,000,000	40,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	21,850,000	236,251,000	221,112,049	221,112,049
Sep-18	20,000,000	15,000,000	24,401,000	15,000,000	40,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	7,050,000	221,451,000	250,166,070	250,166,070
Oct-18	20,000,000	15,000,000	24,401,000	15,000,000	40,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	19,250,000	233,651,000	250,378,098	250,378,098
Nov-18	20,000,000	15,000,000	24,361,000	15,000,000	40,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	33,850,000	248,211,000	251,710,444	251,710,444
Dec-18	20,000,000	15,000,000	24,361,000	15,000,000	40,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	53,850,000	268,211,000	258,853,904	258,853,904
Dec-17	20,000,000	15,000,000	24,431,000	15,000,000	40,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	17,300,000	231,731,000	224,513,351	224,513,351
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Annual Rate	7.4800%	7.0980%	5.2500%	5.2100%	5.7900%	4.1100%	4.3600%	4.0900%	4.2400%	4.0900%	4.2400%	3.7600%	5.19%		
Cost	1.496.000	1.064.700	1.281.053	781.500	2.316.000	1.027.500	1.090.000	511.250	530.000	511.250	530.000	548.334			

TYPE II ADJUSTMENTS

CY18 WAGE ADJUSTMENT

Wage Annualization Adjustment	\$ 28,254
Adjustment to Annualize & Restate	\$ 28,254

PGA COMMODITY SHARING ADJUSTMENT

State of Oregon

CY 2018 PGA Commodity Sharing Revenue \$(374,235)

Adjustment \$ 374,235

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation Oregon Wage Adjustment

Adjustment to Restate CY 2018

2018	Sal	Gross aries/Wages	% Salary/Wage Increase	A	alary/Wage djustment fore Taxes	S T	ecurity ax @	dicare Tax 2 1.45%	Total 「axes	Res	iustment to state CY18 ries/Wages
January	\$	1,477,217									
, February	\$	1,011,753									
March	\$	989,620									
CY18 Hourly	\$	3,478,590	3.00%	\$	104,358	\$	6,470	\$ 1,513	\$ 7,983	\$	112,341
OR 3-Factor Allocation %										25.15%	
										\$	28,254

Note: Salaried increase effective 1/1/18 Hourly increase effective 4/1/18

TYPE II ADJUSTMENT WORKPAPERS

CASCADE NATURAL GAS STATE OF OREGON CY18

PGA Commodity Sharing (I.e. () loss)

JAN18	\$	(63,687)
FEB18	\$	(18,105)
MAR18	\$	37,406
APR18	\$	26,395
MAY18	\$	29,757
JUNE18	\$	28,089
JULY18	\$	18,279
AUG18	\$	(1,512)
SEPT18	\$	28,283
OCT18	\$	15,396
NOV18	\$((169,328)
DEC18	\$((305,207)
Total	\$((374,235)

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation Revenue Sensitive Cost Conversion Factor State of Oregon

FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 12/31/18

Line				
No.	Description		Amount	
1	Gross Revenue		1.00000	
2	Less Uncollectibles		(0.00334)	
3	Net Revenue		0.99666	
	Less Revenue Sensitive Costs			
4	Gross Revenue Fee	0.00275		
5	City Franchise Fees	0.02310	0.02585	
6	Net Before State &			
	Federal Income Taxes		0.97081	2.92%
7	Oregon Income Tax @7.6%		0.07378	
8	Net Before Federal Income Tax		0.89703	
9	Federal Income Tax @ 21%		0.18838	
10	Net to Gross Conversion Factor		0.70865	

Combo-State & Fe	deral Income	Гах
State	0.07600	
Federal	0.21000	
Combo (calculate	0.27004	
Revenue Sensitive		
Uncollectibles	0.00334	
OPUC Fees	0.00275	
City Franchise	0.02310	
	0.02919	0.97081316