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July 31, 2018

Oregon Public Utility Commission 201 High Street SE P.O. Box 1088 Salem, OR 97308-1088

Re: UM 1336(11) - Reauthorization for Deferred Accounting Treatment of Intervenor Funding

Attn Filing Center:

Cascade Natural Gas files the enclosed Application for Reauthorization to Defer Intervenor Funding Grants.

Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (509)734-4593.

Sincerely,

Michael Parvinen

Director, Regulatory Affairs

**Enclosures** 

# OF OREGON UM 1336

In the Matter of Cascade Natural Gas Corporation For Reauthorization to Defer Intervenor Funding

APPLICATION FOR REAUTHORIZATION FOR DEFERRED ACCOUNTING

1 I. **INTRODUCTION** 2 In accordance with ORS 757.259 and OAR 860-027-0300, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation 3 ("Cascade" or the "Company") applies to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Commission") for an 4 accounting order reauthorizing the Company to record and defer, on an ongoing basis, the cost of 5 intervenor funding grants provided to qualifying organizations pursuant to the provisions of ORS 6 757.259 (3), as amended by OR Laws 2003, ch. 234 ("Intervenor Funding Grants"). The Company's 7 request is for the 12-month period beginning November 1, 2018, and ending October 31, 2019. 8 In support of this application, Cascade provides the following: 9 APPLICATION FOR REAUTHORIZATION TO DEFER II. 10 In compliance with the requirements for applications for reauthorization to defer costs as established in OAR 860-027-0300(3) and (4,) and Commission Order No. 09-263, Cascade submits the 11 12 following: 13 Α. Description of Utility Expense – OAR 860-027-0300(3)(a) In accordance with ORS 757.259(3) and the Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor 14 15 Funding Agreement ("Agreement") approved by the Commission in Order No. 18-017, Cascade requests reauthorization to record and defer from November 1, 2018, through October 31, 16 17 2019, any and all Intervenor Funding Grants, as defined and provided for in the Agreement for 18 later incorporation in rates. Cascade will record and defer these ongoing costs upon payment of the Intervenor Funding Grants following the Commission's approval of the Intervenor Funding

Grant and issuance of an Order directing the Company to make payment, pursuant to the

Agreement.

At the time of consideration for incorporation into rates, Cascade will propose an appropriate amortization period for the Intervenor Funding Grants for the Commission's consideration.

#### B. Reason for Deferral – OAR 860-027-0300(3)(b)

This request is made in accordance with ORS 757.259(3) that allows for the deferral of Intervenor funds, and Commission Order No. 18-017 Docket UM 1929, which directs Cascade to pay to intervenors the amounts made available as defined and provided for in the Agreement.

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

Cascade Natural Gas proposes to record payment of Intervenor Funding Grants in a sub-account of Account 186. In the absence of the Commission's approval of this Application, Cascade would not incur the cost of Intervenor Funding Grants. Were such costs incurred, however, they would be recorded in an appropriate sub-account of FERC Account 401.

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

The table below shows the maximum amounts per the Agreement that may be deferred during the 12-month period, November 1, 2018, through October 31, 2019:

Fund Type as Defined in Agreement	Maximum
	Amount
CUB Fund	\$39,500
Preauthorized Matching Fund	\$37,950
Issue Fund	\$34,500
Total	\$111,950

1	Ε.	A Copy of the Notice of Application and Certificate of Service – OAR 860-027-0300(3)(e)
2		Attached as Appendix B is the copy of the Notice and the Certificate of Service
3		verifying the Notice was served on parties to the Company's current general rate case,
4		UG-347.
5	F.	A Description and Explanation of the Entries in the Deferred Accounts – OAR 860-027-
6		0300(4)(a)
7		Attached as Appendix A to this application are workpapers detailing the amounts
8		deferred to-date under UM 1336.
9	G.	The Reason for Continuation of Deferred Accounting – OAR 860-027-030(4)(b)
10		The continuation of intervenor funds is justified per Commission Order No. 18-017
11		approving the terms of the Agreement.
12	н.	Requirements per Commission Order No. 09-263
13		Below is the information required per Commission Order No. 09-263, issued in Docket
14		UM-1286, Staff's investigation into purchased gas adjustment mechanism.
15		1. A complete Summary Sheet, the location in the PGA filing, and an account map that
16		highlights the transfer of dollars from one account to another.
17		Appendix A includes the Summary Sheet, which shows the amounts deferred
18		and demonstrates the transfer of dollars from one account to another. Appendix A will
19		be attached to the Company's electronic 2018-2019 PGA filing as a file entitled, "CNGC
20		Non Gas Cost Deferral Amortization.xlsx."
21		2. The effective date of the deferral
22		This application is for the 12-month period beginning November 1, 2018, and
23		ending October 13, 2019.
24		3. Prior Year Order Number approving the deferral

1		Authorization to defer costs in	n this docket w	as most recently gr	anted per	
2		Commission Order No. 17-401.				
3	4. The amount deferred last year					
			CUB Fund	NWIGU Fund		
			Acct 20444	Acct 20449		
		Deferred amounts July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018	\$40,696.64	\$2,840.26		
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5	5.	The amount amortized last year				
			CUB Fund	NWIGU Fund		
			Acct 20443	Acct 20448		
		Amortized amounts July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018 with interest	\$56,973.33	\$36,514.35		
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7	6.	The interest rate that will be applied	to accounts			
8		The deferred balance accrue	es interest at tl	ne rate of 7.284% <sup>1</sup>	. The amortized	
9	balance will accrue interest at the rate of 2.38% through October 2018. Beginning					
10	November 2018, the amortized balance will accrue interest at the rate of 2.92% <sup>2</sup> .					
11	7. An estimate of the upcoming PGA-period deferral and/or amortization					
12	The Company estimates that it will not seek to defer more than \$111,950.					
13	Cascade will seek to amortize the total deferral balance.					
14		III. COMMUNI	CATIONS			
15	Cascade hereby waives service by means of other than service by electronic mail. Consistent					
16	with that waiver, communications regarding this Application should be addressed to all of the following:					
17 18	Michael Parv Cascade Natu		Department Cascade Na	of Regulatory Affa tural Gas	irs	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Authorized Rate of Return as approved in Commission Order No. 16-477 issued the UG-305, the Company's most recently concluded rate case.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Modified Blended Treasury (MBT) rates per annual staff calculation authorized in Dockets UM 1147 and UG 221.

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5	Cascade requests that in accordance wi	th ORS 757.259, the Commission authorize the Company
6	to defer the expenses described in this Applicat	ion.
7	DATED: July 31, 2018	
8	·	Sincerely,
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14		Michael Parvinen
15		Director, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation
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18		michael.parvinen@cngc.com

# Appendix A

State: Oregon

OR CUB Intervenor Funding Description:

Account number: 470R.1860.20443 Core: Rate schedule 101 Class of customers:

Deferral period: Annual

Amortization period:

11/1/2013 through 10/31/2016

Oregon intervenor funding paid to the Citizens Utility Board of Oregon. Limited to \$30K deferral per Narrative:

calendar year.

		,		Debit (Cre	dit)		
Month/Year	Rate	Therms	Deferral	Amortization	Interest	Adjustments	Deferred Balance
Jan-15	(0.00133)	6,180,461	34,500.00	(8,220.01)	62.18	-	67,703.48
Feb-15	(0.00133)	5,370,738		(7,143.08)	91.93		60,652.33
Mar-15	(0.00133)	4,648,017		(6,181.86)	91.18		54,561.65
Apr-15	(0.00133)	3,382,129		(4,498.23)	79.38		50,142.80
May-15	(0.00133)	2,327,959		(3,096.19)	75.38		47,121.99
Jun-15	(0.00133)	1,541,966		(2,050.81)	68.55		45,139.73
Jul-15	(0.00133)	832,424		(1,107.12)	67.86		44,100.47
Aug-15	(0.00133)	891,873		(1,186.19)	66.30		42,980.58
Sep-15	(0.00133)	996,900	3,000.00	(1,325.88)	62.53	(3,000.00)	41,717.23
Oct-15	(0.00133)	1,466,459		(1,950.39)	62.71		39,829.55
Nov-15	Prorated	2,560,909	31,085.00	(3,095.86)	63.18	(31,085.00)	36,796.87
Dec-15	(0.00099)	6,122,305		(6,061.08)	60.32		30,796.11
Jan-16	(0.00099)	7,484,807	34,500.00	(7,409.96)	50.48	(34,500.00)	23,436.63
Feb-16	(0.00099)	5,858,066		(5,799.49)	35.94		17,673.08
Mar-16	(0.00099)	5,201,114		(5,149.10)	28.97		12,552.95
Apr-16	(0.00099)	3,605,420		(3,569.37)	19.91		9,003.49
May-16	(0.00099)	1,919,384		(1,900.19)	14.76		7,118.06
Jun-16	(0.00099)	1,682,515		(1,665.69)	11.29		5,463.66
Jul-16	(0.00099)	1,122,056		(1,110.84)	8.96		4,361.78
Aug-16	(0.00099)	946,520		(937.05)	7.15		3,431.88
Sep-16	(0.00099)	1,053,363		(1,042.83)	5.44		2,394.49
Oct-16	(0.00099)	1,728,611		(1,711.32)	3.92		687.09
				Transfer Balan	ce to 20444	73,109.37	73,796.46
Nov-16	Prorated	2,826,682		(3,477.27)	133.44		70,452.63
Dec-16	(0.00186)	6,059,854		(11,271.33)	131.64		59,312.94
Jan-17	(0.00186)	9,594,883		(17,846.48)	110.83		41,577.29
Feb-17	(0.00186)	7,595,462		(14,127.56)	70.17		27,519.90
Mar-17	(0.00186)	6,661,590		(12,390.56)	51.42		15,180.76
Apr-17	(0.00186)	3,955,503		(7,357.24)	27.45		7,850.97
May-17	(0.00186)	3,345,704		(6,223.01)	14.67		1,642.63
Jun-17	(0.00186)	1,795,189		(3,339.05)	2.97		(1,693.45)
Jul-17	(0.00186)	1,000,924		(1,861.72)	(3.16)		(3,558.33)
Aug-17	(0.00186)	950,603		(1,768.12)	(6.65)		(5,333.10)
Sep-17	(0.00186)	854,296		(1,588.99)	(9.64)		(6,931.73)
Oct-17	(0.00186)	2,275,156		(4,231.79)	(12.95)		(11,176.47)
				Transfer Balan	ce to 20444	58,272.11	47,095.64
Nov-17	Prorated	3,798,196		(6,094.87)	92.13		41,092.90
Dec-17	(0.00108)	6,111,528		(6,600.45)	83.06		34,575.51
Jan-18	(0.00108)	8,181,009		(8,835.49)	69.89		25,809.91
Feb-18	(0.00108)	5,567,397		(6,012.79)	47.12		19,844.24
Mar-18	(0.00108)	6,791,785		(7,335.13)	40.11		12,549.22
Apr-18	(0.00108)	4,645,914		(5,017.59)	24.55		7,556.18
May-18	(0.00108)	2,831,718		(3,058.26)	15.27		4,513.19
Jun-18	(0.00108)	1,463,528		(1,580.61)	8.83		2,941.41
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# Appendix A

State:	Oregon
Description:	OR 11/01/12 Consolidated Accounts: Non Gas Cost Related PGA Temporary Rate Increments UM1336 Industrial Intervenor Funding
Account number:	470R.1860.20448
Class of customers:	105, 111, 170, 163, 164
Deferral period:	Annual
Amortization period:	11/01/2013 through 10/31/2016
Narrative:	This records consolidated deferral accounts for industrial intervenor funding corresponding to the
	temporary technical adjustments included in the PGA tracker effective 11/1/12 that are incorporated
	in the customers' per therm gas rates.

				Debit (Cre	edit)		
Month/Year	Rate	Therms	Deferral	Amortization	Interest	Adjustments	Deferred Balance
Jan-15	(0.00019)	4,045,132	2,455.15	(768.58)	8.99		7,672.84
Feb-15	(0.00019)	3,446,483		(654.83)	10.42		7,028.43
Mar-15	(0.00019)	3,472,142		(659.71)	10.57		6,379.29
Apr-15	(0.00019)	3,314,321		(629.72)	9.28		5,758.85
May-15	(0.00019)	2,714,476		(515.75)	8.66		5,251.76
Jun-15	(0.00019)	2,979,734		(566.15)	7.64		4,693.25
Jul-15	(0.00019)	2,755,199		(523.49)	7.06		4,176.82
Aug-15	(0.00019)	2,857,928		(543.01)	6.28		3,640.09
Sep-15	(0.00019)	3,174,754		(603.20)	5.30		3,042.19
Oct-15	(0.00019)	3,037,057	9,122.03	(577.04)	4.57	(9,122.03)	2,469.72
Nov-15	Prorated	3,312,052		(222.55)	3.92		2,251.09
Dec-15	(0.00006)	3,412,860		(204.77)	3.69		2,050.01
Jan-16	(0.00006)	3,887,606		(233.26)	3.36		1,820.11
Feb-16	(0.00006)	3,463,630	34,283.50	(207.82)	2.79	(34,283.50)	1,615.08
Mar-16	(0.00006)	3,486,315	4,941.43	(209.18)	2.65	(4,941.43)	1,408.55
Apr-16	(0.00006)	3,344,304		(200.66)	2.23		1,210.12
May-16	(0.00006)	3,117,217		(187.03)	1.98		1,025.07
Jun-16	(0.00006)	3,085,946		(185.16)	1.63		841.54
Jul-16	(0.00006)	3,092,381	5,581.46	(185.54)	1.38	(5,581.46)	657.38
Aug-16	(0.00006)	3,088,624		(185.32)	1.08		473.14
Sep-16	(0.00006)	3,221,665		(193.30)	0.75		280.59
Oct-16	(0.00006)	3,632,518		(217.95)	0.46		63.10
				Transfer Bala	nce to 20449	51,061.78	51,124.88
Nov-16	Prorated	3,304,728		(3,889.80)	92.44		47,327.52
Dec-16	(0.00128)	3,865,789		(4,948.21)	88.43		42,467.74
Jan-17	(0.00128)	4,296,028		(5,498.92)	79.35		37,048.17
Feb-17	(0.00128)	3,852,316		(4,930.96)	62.53		32,179.74
Mar-17	(0.00128)	3,832,564		(4,905.68)	60.13		27,334.19
Apr-17	(0.00128)	3,408,439		(4,362.81)	49.43		23,020.81
May-17	(0.00128)	3,368,720		(4,311.97)	43.01		18,751.85
Jun-17	(0.00128)	3,258,406		(4,170.75)	33.91		14,615.01
Jul-17	(0.00128)	3,210,866		(4,109.92)	27.31		10,532.40
Aug-17	(0.00128)	2,925,747		(3,744.96)	19.68		6,807.12
Sep-17	(0.00128)	3,269,371		(4,184.80)	12.31		2,634.63
Oct-17	(0.00128)	3,771,419		(4,827.42)	4.92		(2,187.87)
				Transfer Bala		31,728.12	29,540.25
Nov-17	Prorated	3,845,060		(2,914.92)	57.79		26,683.12
Dec-17	(0.00071)	3,761,576		(2,670.73)	53.94		24,066.33
Jan-18	(0.00071)	3,977,423		(2,823.97)	48.65		21,291.01
Feb-18	(0.00071)	3,128,805		(2,221.45)	38.87		19,108.43
Mar-18	(0.00071)	3,977,274		(2,823.87)	38.63		16,323.19
Apr-18	(0.00071)	3,229,034		(2,292.62)	31.93		14,062.50
May-18	(0.00071)	2,904,330		(2,062.08)	28.43		12,028.85
Jun-18	(0.00071)	3,131,813		(2,223.60)	23.53		9,828.78

#### Appendix B

# **Cascade Natural Gas Corporation**

July 31, 2018

# NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO DEFER COSTS FOR INTERVENOR FUNDING

#### To All Parties Who Participated in UG-347

Please be advised that today, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation ("Cascade" or the "Company") applied for reauthorization to defer intervenor funding. 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:

Cascade Natural Gas Attn: Michael Parvinen 8113 W Grandridge Blvd Kennewick, WA 99336 509-734-4593 CNGCregulatory@cngc.com Public Utility Commission of Oregon Attn: Marianne Gardner 201 High Street SE, Suite 100 Salem, OR 97301-3398

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 B

# **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 INTERVENOR FUNDING upon all parties of record in UG-347, which is the Company's current general rate case.

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Dated this 31st day of July 2018.

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