

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

DATE: 12-12-2018

TO: ⁵⁰ John Crider

FROM: Ming Peng *mp.*

SUBJECT: Cascade Natural Gas (CNG): 2019 Tariff has been updated. CNG's Compliance filing at Advice No. O18-12-01, UM 779 for Late Payment Rate and Interest Accrued on Customer Deposits.

On December 12, 2018, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade or the Company) filed the UM 779 Compliance Filing, Schedule 200, Various Miscellaneous Charges.

Attached for filing with the Commission is an electronic copy of the Company's proposed revision tariff sheet stated to become effective with service on and after January 1, 2019:

Third Revision of Sheet No. 200.1

Oregon PUC Sheet No.

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Canceling Oregon PUC Sheet No.

Second Revision of Sheet No. 200.1

Michael Parvinen, Director, Regulatory Affairs, requests to revise the interest rate on customer deposits. In compliance with Commission Order No. 18-442 in Docket No. UM 779, "Public Utility Commission of Oregon Determination of Late-Payment Rate and Interest Accrued on Customer Deposits," Cascade had made the tariff changes to reflect the annual interest rate of 2.5 percent on customer deposits for calendar year 2019, which is an increase from the 2018 interest rate of 1.4 percent. The late payment rate of 2.0 percent, which utilities are allowed to collect on late payments, remains the same for calendar year 2019.

I verified Cascade's Advice filing and found that the Late Payment Fee and Interest Rate have been properly applied.

1. The Late Payment Fee of 2.0 percent of unpaid balance has been properly applied.
2. The new interest rate of 2.5 percent on Deposits has been properly applied.
3. The Effective for Service on & After January 1, 2019, is accurate.
4. Attachments: Cascade's Tariff Sheets for Late Payment charge and Interest Rate.

Cc: KRYS-YORK Heather

SCHEDULE 200
VARIOUS MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

APPLICABILITY

This schedule sets forth the provisions for various charges throughout these rules and regulations. The name and amount of the charges are listed below. The rules or rate schedules to which each charge applies are in parenthesis.

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| <p>I. <u>Customer Deposit Interest Rate (Rule 4)</u></p> | 2.5% | (C) |
| <p>II. <u>Reconnection Charge (Rule 5)</u></p> | | |
| a. Standard, 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays | \$32.00 | |
| b. After Hours between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m., Monday through Friday | \$50.00 | |
| c. Same Business Day or on a Saturday, Sunday or holidays | \$100.00 | |
| <p>A reconnection charge will be required for reestablishment of service at the same address for the same person taking service, if service was disconnected at the customer's request or if it was disconnected involuntarily for reasons other than for Company initiated safety or maintenance.</p> | | |
| <p>III. <u>Deposit for Meter Test - (Rule 8)</u></p> | \$50.00 | |
| <p>IV. <u>Field Visit Charge- (Rule 5)</u></p> <p>A field visit charge may be assessed whenever Cascade visits a customer's address for the purpose of disconnecting service or reconnecting service and due to the customer's action is unable to complete the disconnection or reconnection.</p> | \$10.00 | |
| <p>V. <u>Late Payment Charge -- (Rule 5)</u></p> <p>A late payment charge at a rate determined by the Commission based upon a survey of prevailing market rates will be charged to the customer's current bill when the customer has a prior balance owing of \$200 or more.</p> | 2% | |
| <p>VI. <u>Returned Payment Charge - (Rule 6)</u></p> <p>A returned check fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) may apply for any payment returned unpaid.</p> | \$10.00 | |
| <p>VI. <u>Modifying an Existing Service Line -- (Rule 9)</u></p> | | |
| a. Time of Construction Crew | | |
| • An Individual Employee | \$70.00 per hour | |
| • Construction Crew | up to \$220.00 per hour | |
| b. Cost of Materials required to open and close service connection trench, including asphalt replacement, if any. | | |