

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

**DATE:** December 13, 2023

**TO:** Caroline Moore

**FROM:** Madison Bolton

**SUBJECT:** **Cascade Natural Gas Corporation:** 2024 Tariff has been updated. Cascade’s Compliance filing at Advice No. O23-11-02 for Interest Accrued on Customer Deposits and Late Payment Charge.

On November 20, 2023, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (“Cascade” or “Company”) proposed revisions to the following tariff sheets, P.U.C. OR. No. 10:

**Oregon PUC Sheet No.**

**Canceling Oregon PUC Sheet No.**

11th Revision Sheet No. 200.1

10th Revision Sheet No. 200.1

Lori A. Blattner, Director of Regulatory Affairs, requests to replace Oregon PUC Tariff Sheet No. 10, the 10th Revision Tariff Sheet No. 200.1 with the 11th Revision Tariff Sheet No. 200.1.

In compliance with Commission Order No. 23-438 in Docket No. UM 779, Public Utility Commission of Oregon Determination of Late-Payment Rate and Interest Accrued on Customer Deposits, Cascade has made the tariff changes to reflect the late payment rate of 2.3 percent which utilities are allowed to collect on late payments and to reflect the annual interest rate of 5.5 percent on customer deposits for calendar year 2024.

Staff’s review included verifying the following requirements for compliance with Commission Order No. 23-438:

- The late payment fee of 2.3% of unpaid balance, effective for service on and after January 1, 2024.
- The interest rate of 5.5% on customer deposits held during January 1 through December 31, 2024.
- Attachments: Cascade's Tariff Sheets for Late Payment charge and interest rate.

Staff verified Cascade’s Advice No. O23-11-02 and found that the new rates have been properly applied and the Company is in full compliance with the Commission order. Staff recommends an acknowledgement letter be sent.

Cc: Mark Brown

CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION

Eleventh Revision of Sheet No. 200.1

Canceling

P.U.C. OR. No. 10

Tenth Revision of Sheet No. 200.1

**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.

I. <u>Customer Deposit Interest Rate (Rule 4)</u>	5.5%	(I)
II. <u>Reconnection Charge (Rule 5)</u>		
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	
III. <u>Deposit for Meter Test - (Rule 8)</u>	\$50.00	
IV. <u>Field Visit Charge- (Rule 5)</u>	\$20.00	
V. <u>Late Payment Charge – (Rule 5)</u>	2.3%	(I)
VI. <u>Returned Payment Fee - (Rule 6)</u>	\$25.00	
VII. <u>Modifying an Existing Service Line – (Rule 9)</u>		
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.		