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March 18, 2020

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Oregon Public Utility Commission
Attn: Filing Center
201 High Street SE, Suite 100
Salem, OR 97301-3612

Re: Schedule 200 – Late Payment Charge

In compliance with ORS 757.205, OAR 860-022-0025, and OAR 860-1022-0030 Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade or the Company) herewith submits the following revision to its Tariff P.U.C. OR. No. 10, stated to become effective with service on and after April 19, 2020. A less than statutory notice application is included with this filing.

First Revision of Sheet No. 5.8
Sixth Revision of Sheet No. 200.1

The purpose of this tariff revision is to allow Cascade to not charge its Late Payment Fee in certain situations, consistent with its discretion regarding the disconnection of service. To allow Cascade to be immediately responsive to the rapidly changing economic conditions facing customers in the wake of the spreading COVID-19 virus, Cascade respectfully requests that the Commission allow these tariff changes to become effective on March 21, 2020 with less than statutory notice.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael Parvinen

Michael Parvinen
Director, Regulatory Affairs

Attachments

LESS THAN STATUTORY NOTICE APPLICATION

This document may be electronically filed by sending it as an attachment to an electronic mail message addressed to the Commission's Filing Center at puc.filingcenter@state.or.us.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) UTILITY L.S.N. APPLICATION
Cascade Natural Gas Corporation) NO. _____
(UTILITY COMPANY)) (LEAVE BLANK)
TO WAIVE STATUTORY NOTICE.)

NOTE: ATTACH EXHIBIT IF SPACE IS INSUFFICIENT.

1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE(S) ADDITION, DELETION, OR CHANGE. (SCHEDULE INCLUDES ALL RATES, TOLLS AND CHARGES FOR SERVICE AND ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS AFFECTING THE SAME)
The purpose of this filing is to modify the language in Rule 5, Discontinuation of Service, Late Payment Charge, to allow Cascade to suspend billing of the Late Payment Charge during certain events.

2. APPLICANT DESIRES TO CHANGE THE SCHEDULE(S) NOW ON FILE KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS: (INSERT SCHEDULE REFERENCE BY NUMBER, PAGE, AND ITEM)
Original Sheet No. 5.8
Fourth Revision of Sheet No. 200.1

3. THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE(S) SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS: (INSERT SCHEDULE REFERENCE BY NUMBER, PAGE AND ITEM)
First Revision of Sheet No. 5.8
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4. REASONS FOR REQUESTING A WAIVER OF STATUTORY NOTICE:
Cascade requests a waiver to allow the changes to become effective on March 21, 2020 to suspend billing of the late payments.

5. REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE NEW SCHEDULE(S) OR CHANGE(S): March 21, 2020

. AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE <i>/s/ Michael Parvinen</i>	TITLE Director, Regulatory Affairs	DATE 03/18/2020
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<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DENIED	EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED SCHEDULE(S) OR CHANGE	
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE		DATE

**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. Customer Deposit Interest Rate (Rule 4) 1.5%

- II. Reconnection Charge (Rule 5)
 - 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

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.

- III. Deposit for Meter Test - (Rule 8) \$50.00

- IV. Field Visit Charge- (Rule 5) \$20.00
 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.

- V. Late Payment Charge – (Rule 5) 2.1%
 A late payment charge at a rate determined by the Commission based upon a survey of prevailing market rates may be assessed to the customer's current bill when the customer has a prior balance owing of \$200 or more. (C)

- VI. Returned Payment Charge - (Rule 6) \$25.00
 A returned check fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) may apply for any payment returned unpaid.

- VI. Modifying an Existing Service Line – (Rule 9)
 - 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.

**RULE 5
DISCONTINUATION OF SERVICE**

FIELD VISIT CHARGE

A Field Visit Charge as established in Schedule 200 may be charged whenever Cascade is required to visit a residential service address for the purpose of disconnecting or reconnecting service, but due to the customer's action, is unable to complete the reconnect or disconnect.

LATE PAYMENT CHARGE

A Late-Payment Charge as established in Schedule 200 may be assessed to overdue account balances, both residential and nonresidential, at the time of preparing the subsequent month's bill. The Late-Payment Charge may not be applied to time-payment or equal-payment accounts that are current, and will be applied only to accounts that have an overdue balance greater than \$200. The Commission will determine the Late-Payment Charge by surveying prevailing market rates for late-payment charges of commercial enterprises. The Commission will notify Cascade by November 15 of each year what rate may be used to determine late-payment charges on overdue customer accounts during the following calendar year. The current late-payment rate and the conditions for its application to customer accounts shall be specified on the gas bill.

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