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Oregon Public Utility Commission Attn: Filing Center 201 High Street S.E., Suite 100 Salem, OR 97301-3398

# Re: Advice No. CNG/O23-07-02, UG 464 UM 1336, Deferred Accounting for Intervenor Funding Schedule No. 192, Intervenor Funding Adjustment

Pursuant to Docket UM 1336, ORS 757.210 and ORS 757.259(5), Cascade Natural Gas Corporation ("Cascade" or "Company") hereby submits the following revisions to Cascade's P.U.C. OR No. 10 Tariffs with a proposed effective date for service on and after November 1, 2023:

# Eighth Revision of Sheet No. 192.1

This filing updates the Company's Intervenor Funding rates currently in effect pursuant to Section 7.9 of the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement previously adopted by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Commission") in Order No. 15-335. In this filing, the Company is requesting a decrease in annual revenues of \$4,729 or .01 %, effective on November 1, 2023. The current amortization rates and the proposed changes, both inclusive of the gross revenue factor, are as follows:

Schedule	Current Amortization Rates	Proposed Amortization Rates	Difference in Amortization Rate			
101	0.00000	0.00000	0.00011			
101	0.00088	0.00099	0.00011			
105	0.00022	0.00000	(0.00022)			
111	0.00022	0.00000	(0.00022)			
170	0.00022	0.00000	(0.00022)			
163	0.00022	0.00000	(0.00022)			
800	0.00022	0.00000	(0.00022)			

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In Order 22-397 in Docket No. UM 1336, the Commission approved Cascade's request for reauthorization to defer costs related to Intervenor Funding grants for the period November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023. The Company made that filing pursuant to ORS 757.259 and OAR 860-027-0300(4). This filing is in compliance with ORS 757.210 which authorizes deferred utility expenses or revenues to be allowed (amortized) in rates to the extent authorized by the Commission in a proceeding to change rates. All of the deferrals included in this filing occurred with appropriate application by Commission authorization, as rate orders or under approved tariffs.

# **Three Percent Test**

Pursuant to ORS 757.259(5-7) and OAR 860-027-0300(9), the overall annual average rate impact of the amortizations authorized under the statutes may not exceed three percent of the natural gas utility's gross revenues for the preceding calendar year, unless the Commission finds that allowing a higher amortization rate is reasonable under the circumstances. However, per ORS 757.259(4), the amortization of Intervenor Funding is not subject to an earnings review, and the Intervenor Funding amortization balance is not included in the three percent test.

### **Other Information**

Pursuant to OAR 860-022-0025 and OAR 860-022-0030, the total number of customers affected by this filing by rate schedule are as follows:

Rate	Number of
Schedule	Customers
101	71,755
105	160
111	18
170	4
163	32

The table below provides the annual revenue before and after the impact of the rate change, and the average monthly use and resulting bills under existing and proposed rates:

Rate Schedule	Description	Total Current Revenues	Total Proposed Revenues	Revenue Incr (Decr)	Percent Incr (Decr)	Avg Therms per Month	Current Avg Bill	Proposed Avg Bill	Monthly Change	Proposed Rates % Change
101	Residential	\$56,057,159	\$56,062,738	\$5,579	0.01%	65	\$79.45	\$79.46	\$0.01	0.01%
105	Industrial Firm	\$3,088,567	\$3,087,859	-\$708	-0.02%	1,779	\$1,761.79	\$1,761.38	-\$0.40	-0.02%
111	Com-Ind Dual	\$2,809,412	\$2,808,709	-\$703	-0.03%	15,038	\$13,487.52	\$13,484.14	-\$3.37	-0.03%
170	Industrial Interr	\$2,164,762	\$2,164,196	-\$566	-0.03%	57,038	\$48,740.09	\$48,727.35	-\$12.74	-0.03%
163	Dist Trans	\$2,026,455	\$2,018,124	-\$8,331	-0.41%	98,614	\$9,756.00	\$9,715.89	-\$40.11	-0.41%

After combining the impact of this filing along with three other regulatory filings made today,<sup>1</sup> the overall effect of the proposed rate adjustments on the monthly bill of a residential customer with consumption of 65 therms will be a net increase of \$1.44 or 1.81% for a revised monthly bill of \$80.89 effective November 1, 2023.

The Company will issue a press release coincident with the updated annual Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment ("PGA") filing in mid-September and provide notice to customers via a bill insert following the approval of this filing.

Attached in support of this filing is Exhibit 1 which contains the development of intervenor funding temporary rate increments and the summary of proposed intervenor funding.

The Company agrees to rate adjustments and refunds should the Commission determine that these rates have been inappropriately calculated. Any rate adjustments and refunds will be retroactive to November 1, 2023 provided that the Commission advises the Company of the necessity for such rate adjustments or refunds within 30 days after the effective date of these rates.

If there are any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (208) 377-6015.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lori A. Blattner

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Enclosures

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On July 28, 2023, Cascade Natural Gas filed Advice Nos. O23-07-01 and O22-07-03; both are effective November 1, 2023, subject to Commission approval.

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### P.U.C. OR. No.

### SCHEDULE NO. 192 INTERVENOR FUNDING ADJUSTMENT

### APPLICABLE

Applicable to customers served on Schedules 101, 104, 105, 111, 163, 170, and 800.

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this schedule is to recover the cost of Intervenor Funding Grants provided to various entities to cover their costs of advocating on behalf of customers. The awarding of such grants is governed by Section 7.3 of the First Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding agreement adopted by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon in Order No.07-564.

#### MONTHLY RATES, MINIMUM BILLS AND OTHER CHARGES

Each of the charges specified in the schedules for gas service hereinafter listed shall be adjusted by the following per therm increase or (decrease) or appropriate multiple thereof:

Rate Schedule	Amount				
101	\$0.00099				
104	\$0.00000				
105	\$0.00000				
111	\$0.00000				
163*	\$0.00000				
170	\$0.00000				
800*	\$0.00000				
*all rate blocks					

### TAX ADDITIONS

The rates named herein are subject to increases as set forth in Schedule 100 for Municipal Exactions.

#### **GENERAL TERMS**

Service under this schedule is governed by the terms of this schedule, the Rules contained in this Tariff, any other schedules that by their terms or by the terms of this schedule apply to service under this schedule, and by all rules and regulations prescribed by regulatory authorities, as amended from time to time.

### **Before the**

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

# EXHIBIT 1

# **Intervenor Funding**

Development of Intervenor Funding Temporary Rate Increments (Schedule 1 of 2) Summary of Proposed Intervenor Funding (Schedule 2 of 2)

**Cascade Natural Gas Corporation** 

July 28, 2023

#### Cascade Natural Gas DEVELOPMENT OF INTERVENOR FUNDING TEMPORARY RATE INCREMENTS UM 1336 Related Balances

					Account	Estimated	"hru 10/31/23	Interest									
Ln		Order		New or	Balance	Interest		Accruals Thru	Balance for	Forecasted			TEMPORARY I	INCREMENT FO	R ALL RATE SC	HEDULES	
No.	. Account Description		Class	Residual	06-30-23	Accruals	Amortizations	Amortization	Amortization	Therms	Increment	101	105	111	170	163	800
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(I)	(m)	(n)	(0)	(p)	(q)
	UM-1336 CUB Intervenor Deferral (470R.1860.20444) UM-1336 CUB Intervenor Funding (470R.1860.20443) UM-1336 AWEC Intervenor Deferral (470R.1860.20449) UM-1336 AWEC Intervenor Funding (470R.1860.20448)	22-397 22-397 22-397 22-397 22-397	101 101 105/111/170/163 105/111/170/163		\$ 50,669 \$ 1,826 \$ 2,707 \$ 542	\$ 2 65	\$ (5,874) (3,315)	79	\$ 52,902 \$ (4,125) \$ 2,851 \$ (2,855)	50,723,575 50,723,575 46,850,980 46,850,980	0.00104 (0.00008) 0.00006 (0.00006)		0.00006 (0.00006)	0.00006 (0.00006)	0.00006 (0.00006)	0.00006 (0.00006)	0.00006 (0.00006)
3	SUBTOTAL AMORTIZATION RATES BEFORE REVENUE SENSITIVE COSTS											\$0.00096	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000
	REVENUE REQUIREMENT BEFORE REVENUE SENSITIVE COSTS REVENUE SENSITIVE COST PERCENTAGES: REVENUE REQUIREMENT AFTER REVENUE SENSITIVE COSTS				\$ 55,744	\$ 1,282	\$ (9,188)	\$ 936	\$ 48,774 2.98% \$ 50,272			2.980%	2.980%	2.980%	2.980%	2.980%	2.980%
7	PROPOSED AMORTIZATION RATE INCLUDING REVENUE SENSITIVE COSTS											\$0.00099	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000

## Cascade Natural Gas Corporation SUMMARY OF PROPOSED INTERVENOR FUNDING State of Oregon

			Reversal	Proposed	
				Rate	
			22/23 UM-1336	UM-1336	R/S 192
		Rate	Intervenor Funding	Intervenor Funding	Rate Change
Ln	Description	Schedule	Temp. Rate Adj.	Temp. Rate Adj.	Total
No.	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	CORE MARKET RATE SCHEDULES				
1	Residential	101	(\$0.00088)	\$0.00099	\$ 0.00011
2	Commercial	104	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$ -
3	Com-Ind Dual Service	111	(\$0.00022)	\$0.00000	\$ (0.00022)
4	Industrial Firm	105	(\$0.00022)	\$0.00000	\$ (0.00022)
5	Industrial Interr.	170	(\$0.00022)	\$0.00000	\$ (0.00022)
	NONCORE MARKET CUSTOMERS				
6	Distribution	163	(\$0.00022)	\$0.00000	\$ (0.00022)
7	Biomethane Receipt Services	800	(\$0.00022)	\$0.00000	\$ (0.00022)