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**CNG/O22-11-01**

Oregon Public Utility Commission  
Attn: Filing Center  
P.O. Box 1088  
Salem, OR 97308-1088

Re: **ADV No. 1465** Schedule 31, Public Purpose Charge **Revised**

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade or Company) hereby resubmits the following revision to its Tariff P.U.C. Or. No. 10, with a proposed effective date for service on and after January 1, 2023, along with an associated LSN request:

**Sixth Revision of Sheet No. 31.1**

In its initial filing made on November 30, 2022, in Docket No. ADV 1465 the Company had the wrong percentage amounts appearing in the Special Terms and Conditions section designating the split between the Energy Trust of Oregon and the Community Action Agencies. In addition to the revised tariff, the Company is also enclosing a revised worksheet showing the derivation of the new amounts. Finally, the Company has added the identification of the split between low-income conservation and bill assistance on the tariff sheet. Per staff instructions Cascade is also submitting an LSN request.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Michael Parvinen at michael.parvinen@cngc.com or (509) 734-4593.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Lori Blattner*

Lori Blattner  
Director, Regulatory Affairs

Attachment

# LESS THAN STATUTORY NOTICE APPLICATION

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## 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)  
Cascade Natural Gas is revising proposed Schedules 31 (Public Purpose Charge) originally submitted on November 30, 2022.

2. APPLICANT DESIRES TO CHANGE THE SCHEDULE(S) NOW ON FILE KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS: (INSERT SCHEDULE REFERENCE BY NUMBER, PAGE, AND ITEM)  
Fifth Revision of Sheet No. 31.1 Public Purpose Charge

3. THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE(S) SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS: (INSERT SCHEDULE REFERENCE BY NUMBER, PAGE AND ITEM)  
Sixth Revision of Sheet No. 31.1 Public Purpose Charge

4. REASONS FOR REQUESTING A WAIVER OF STATUTORY NOTICE:

In its initial filing made on November 30, 2022, in Docket No. ADV 1465 the Company had the wrong percentage amounts appearing in the Special Terms and Conditions section designating the split between the Energy Trust of Oregon and the Community Action Agencies.

5. REQUESTED EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE NEW SCHEDULE(S) OR CHANGE(S): January 1, 2023

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE <i>Is/ Lori A Blattner</i>	TITLE Director, Regulatory Affairs	DATE 12/19/2022
PUC USE ONLY		
<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DENIED	EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED SCHEDULE(S) OR CHANGE	
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE		DATE

**SCHEDULE 31  
PUBLIC PURPOSE CHARGE**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this provision is to define the funding method for public purposes activities to be administered through one or more independent entities. Public purposes activities include, but may not necessarily be limited to, energy efficiency programs, market transformation and low-income conservation and bill assistance programs designed to benefit sales customers within Cascade Natural Gas’s service territory in Oregon.

**ADJUSTMENT TO RATES**

A public purpose charge equal to 3.455% of current revenues, including customer service charges, in each month will be assessed as a line item on the bills of rate schedules 101, 104, 105, 111 and 170. The level of the public purpose charge will be reviewed and revised as necessary based on periodic evaluation of public purposes funding needs. (R)

The Public Purposes Funds shall be allocated to specific separate accounts to fund the respective public purposes programs as follows:

- 3.152% will support public purpose funding of energy efficiency programs that replace programs previously administered by Cascade with energy efficiency programs administered by an independent entity. (C)
- 0.303% will support public purpose funding for low-income conservation and bill assistance activities. (C)

**SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. 91.2% of the monies designated as public purpose funding will be transferred to the Energy Trust of Oregon. The Energy Trust of Oregon will use the funds to design, promote and administer Natural Gas energy efficiency programs in accordance with agreements executed between Cascade and the Energy Trust. (C)
2. 8.8% of the monies designated as public purpose funding will be transferred to two internal program accounts and dispersed to Community Action Agencies (Agencies) for the purpose of adding or expanding low-income weatherization programs and bill assistance programs. The funding will be designated for low-income conservation programs (28%) with the remaining funds (72%) to be designated for bill payment assistance. (T)  
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**ADJUSTMENT TO RATES**

A public purpose charge equal to ~~3.4555-071~~% of current revenues, including customer service charges, in each month will be assessed as a line item on the bills of rate schedules 101, 104, 105, 111 and 170. The level of the public purpose charge will be reviewed and revised as necessary based on periodic evaluation of public purposes funding needs.

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The Public Purposes Funds shall be allocated to specific separate accounts to fund the respective public purposes programs as follows:

- ~~3.1524-844~~% will support public purpose funding of energy efficiency programs that replace programs previously administered by Cascade with energy efficiency programs administered by an independent entity.
- ~~0.303227~~% will support public purpose funding for low-income conservation and bill assistance activities.

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**SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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2. ~~8.82-75~~% of the monies designated as public purpose funding will be transferred to two internal program accounts and dispersed to Community Action Agencies (Agencies) for the purpose of adding or expanding low-income weatherization programs and bill assistance programs. The funding will be designated for low-income conservation programs ~~(28%)~~ with the remaining funds ~~(72%)~~ to be designated for bill payment assistance.

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**ATTACHMENT 1 - ADVICE NO. O22-11-01**

2023 Public Purpose Budget Calculation		PPC %	Notes
2023 ETO Est. Expenditures	\$4,424,493		1
- Negotiated Reserve	\$2,688,479		2
Carryover	<u>(\$3,853,687)</u>		3
<b>Total Energy Trust Budget</b>	<b>\$3,259,285</b>	<b>91.2%</b>	
Low Income Program Budgets			
- OLIEC /CAT Projected Revenue	\$500,862		4
- OLIEC/CAT Carryover	(\$413,234)		5
- Bill Pay Assistance Adjust	<u>\$190,590</u>		6
Subtotal LI Program	\$278,218		
New Tiered Assistance Adjustment	<u>\$34,777</u>		12.5%
<b>Total LI Program Budget</b>	<b>\$312,995</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	
<b>Total PPC Budget</b>	<b>\$3,572,280</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

	101	104	105	111	170	Total
Projected Therms (Jan 23 - Dec 23)	52,343,920	31,459,690	3,654,360	2,351,880	2,256,120	92,065,970
Rates Effective 11-1-22	\$1.09825	\$0.97824	\$0.96431	\$0.88153	\$0.84372	
<b>Total Volumetric Revenue</b>	<b>\$57,486,710</b>	<b>\$30,775,127</b>	<b>\$3,523,936</b>	<b>\$2,073,253</b>	<b>\$1,903,534</b>	
2023 Projected Annual Customers	879,360	127,837	2,078	216	48	1,009,539
Customer charge	\$6.81	\$12.00	\$35.00	\$ 144.00	\$ 300.00	
BSC Revenue	\$5,988,442	\$1,534,044	\$72,730	\$31,104.00	\$14,400.00	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$63,475,152</b>	<b>\$32,309,171</b>	<b>\$3,596,666</b>	<b>\$2,104,357</b>	<b>\$1,917,934</b>	<b>\$103,403,279</b>

PPC %	<b>3.455%</b>				
Amt for ETO	<b>3.152%</b>	\$3,259,285	Net OLIEC/CAT	28.0%	87,628
Amt for Low Income Programs	<b>0.303%</b>	<u>\$312,995</u>	Bill Pay Adjust	72.0%	<u>\$225,367</u>
<b>Total PPC Budget</b>	<b>3.455%</b>	<b>\$3,572,280</b>	<b>Total LI Budget</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>312,995</b>

1. 2023 ETO Estimated Expenditures
2. ETO's negotiated program reserve is 15.22% of expenditures in 2022.
3. ETO's prior year carryover and interest anticipated for 2022
4. In Advice No. O16-10-01, the Commission authorized 0.625% of the Company's Oregon revenues (less transportation revenue) as the OLIEC/CAT annual budget. The 2023 budget is 0.625% of Oregon Operating Revenue for 12 months ending May 31, 2022, less transportation revenue.
5. October 31, 2022 ending OLIEC/ CAT balance.
6. Historical OLIBA budget is \$50,000 as agreed to in UG-167. Cascade projects bill assistance requirement of \$190,590 in 2023. The 2023 OLIBA trend analysis is shown in Attachment 5.