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RE: Advice No. O23-11-01

At the public meeting on December 28, 2023, the Commission adopted Staff's recommendation in this matter docketed as ADV 1558. The Staff Report and a receipted copy of the sheets in your advice filing are attached.

Nolan Moser

Chief Administrative Law Judge Public Utility Commission of Oregon

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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON STAFF REPORT PUBLIC MEETING DATE: December 28, 2023

REGULAR CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE December 29, 2023

DATE: December 5, 2023

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Mitchell Moore

THROUGH: Bryan Conway, Marc Hellman, and Matt Muldoon SIGNED

SUBJECT: CASCADE NATURAL GAS:

(Docket No. ADV 1558/Advice No. O23-11-01)

Requests housekeeping changes to Tariff P.U.C. Or. No. 10 that

reorganize presentation of rate schedules.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission approve Cascade Natural Gas's (Cascade, CNG, or Company) housekeeping filing that revises its Tariff P.U.C. Or. No. 10 with an effective date for service on and after December 29, 2023.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve Cascade's proposed housekeeping revisions to its Tariff P.U.C. Or. No. 10, with an effective date of December 29, 2023.

Applicable Law

The Commission may approve tariff changes if they are deemed to be fair, just, and reasonable. ORS 757.210. Tariff revisions may be made by filing revised sheets with the information required under the Commission's administrative rules, including OAR 860-022-0025. Filings that propose any change in rates, tolls, charges, rules, or regulations must be filed with the Commission at least 30 days before the effective date of the change. See ORS 757.220; OAR 860-022-0020.

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Analysis

On November 9, 2023, Cascade filed a request to file housekeeping revisions to its Tariff P.U.C. Or. No. 10. Overall, the filing corrects typographical errors, and introduces a new Schedule 99, Rate Summary Sheet, which itemizes the applicable charges for gas service on each rate schedule. It also standardizes the odorant charge in Schedule 800.

Specifically:

- Sheet Nos. 2.2 and 2.3 are revised to correct the numbered and lettered lists.
- Sheet Nos. 99.1, 99.2, 99.3, and 99.4 comprise a new schedule which lists out
 the charges for gas service under each rate schedule. The Company states that
 the additional schedule allows for administrative efficiency when requesting
 multiple rate changes, while maintaining the transparency of customer charges
 within the Company's tariff.
- Sheet No. 99.4 includes the charges for Schedule 800 service. The odorant charge is changed from a seven to a five decimal charge, making it consistent with Cascade's other per therm charges, and conforms to the requirements of the Company's billing system. The change does not affect any customers since no customers are currently receiving service on Schedule 800.
- Sheet Nos. 101.1, 104.1, 105.1, 111.1, 163.1, 170.1, and 800.2 are revised to state that the detail on rates previously listed in each rate schedule is now itemized on Schedule 99.
- Sheet No. 800.1 is revised to correct a rule citation.
- Revised index to include Schedule 99.

The filing also seeks to withdraw Sheet No. 111.2, as the text previously on this sheet is moved onto sheet 111.1.

Conclusion

Staff reviewed the Company's filing and the Company's red-line requested changes to its Oregon PUC Tariff No. 10. Staff is satisfied that the changes are appropriate, do not make substantive changes and reflect the current status of the tariff as previously approved by the Commission.

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The Company has reviewed this memo and agrees with its content.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve Cascade's housekeeping filing that revises its Tariff P.U.C. Or. No. 10 for service on and after December 29, 2023.

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RULE 2 DEFINITIONS

DEFINITIONS (continued)

Customer Classifications (continued)

- B. <u>Commercial</u> Service to a customer engaged in selling, warehousing, or distributing a commodity, in some business activity or in a profession, or in some form of economic or social activity (office, stores, clubs, hotels, etc.) and for purposes that do not come directly under another classification of service.
- C. <u>Industrial</u> Service to a customer engaged in a process which creates or changes raw or unfinished materials into another form or product. (Factories, mills, machine shops, mines, oil wells, refineries, pumping plants, creameries, canning and packing plants, shipyards, etc., i.e., in extractive, fabricating or processing activities).
- D. <u>Interruptible Gas</u> An interruptible gas service is considered non-firm, receives a reduced rate on natural gas service because this class of customers is the first curtailed when gas supply or distribution is constrained for reasons other than force majeure, and is required to have a back-up system for use when curtailment occurs. An interruptible customer is a *core* customer because the Company purchases this customer's gas
- E. <u>Transportation</u> Transportation customers purchase their own natural gas and procure only distribution services from the Company.
- 10. <u>Gas Day</u> A twenty-four-hour period beginning daily at 7:00 a.m. Pacific Clock Time (PCT), which is Pacific Standard Time or Daylight Savings Time in Kennewick, Washington, whichever is effective at the time of reference. The Company's Gas Day coincides with the Gas Day established in Northwest Pipeline's tariff, which may change from time to time, upon approval of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).
- 11. <u>Firm Service</u> The sale of natural gas on a firm basis where the Company will exercise reasonable diligence to supply and deliver continuous service to customers not receiving interruptible service. See Order of Priority in Rule 17.

RULE 2 DEFINITIONS

DEFINITIONS (continued)

12. Month - The period of time between and including the date of the current meter read and the date (T) of the prior meter read which is the period upon which the Customer's monthly bill is based. A billing month may be contained within a single calendar month, or may encompass a portion of two separate calendar months. 13. Non-Core Customer – A non-core customer is one for whom the Company provides distribution (T) service but does not purchase that customer's natural gas; instead, that customer procures its natural gas from a third party. 14. Premise - All of the real property and personal property in use by a single customer on a parcel of (T) land which comprises the site upon which customer facilities are located and to which natural gas service is provided. 15. Tariff - This Tariff, including all schedules, rules, regulations, and rates as they may be modified or (T) amended from time to time. 16. Therm - A unit of heating value equivalent to 100,000 BTUs. (T) 17. WACOG - The Weighted Average Cost of System Supply Gas (WACOG) reflected in Cascade's tariffs (T)

shall be as established by gas cost tracking or other similar filings.

<u>Purpose</u>

This schedule itemizes and sums the charges applicable for gas service on each rate schedule. Charges below do not include the Public Purpose Charge (Schedule 31) or municipal taxes (Schedule 100).

Rate Summary - Core Customers

Rate Schedule 101, General Residential Service Rate

Basic Service Charge		\$6.00	per month
Schedule 37	Energy Discount Program	\$0.81	per month
Delivery Charge		\$0.39467	per therm
Schedule 38	Pandemic Cost Recovery	\$0.01928	per therm
Schedule 177	Cost of Gas (WACOG)	\$0.47576	per therm
Schedule 191	Temporary Gas Cost Rate	\$0.30267	per therm
Schedule 192	Intervenor Funding	\$0.00099	per therm
Schedule 193	Conservation Alliance Plan	(\$0.02954)	per therm
Schedule 196	Oregon Earnings Sharing	\$0.00000	per therm
Schedule 197	Environmental Remediation Cost	\$0.00030	per therm
Schedule 198	Unprotected EDIT	(\$0.00720)	per therm
	Total	\$1.15693	per therm

Rate Schedule 104, General Commercial Service

Basic Service Charge		\$12.00	per month
Delivery Charge		\$0.27282	per therm
Schedule 37	Energy Discount Program	\$0.00889	per therm
Schedule 38	Pandemic Cost Recovery	\$0.00643	per therm
Schedule 177	Cost of Gas (WACOG)	\$0.47576	per therm
Schedule 191	Temporary Gas Cost Rate	\$0.30267	per therm
Schedule 192	Intervenor Funding	\$0.00000	per therm
Schedule 193	Conservation Alliance Plan	(\$0.03353)	per therm
Schedule 196	Oregon Earnings Sharing	\$0.00000	per therm
Schedule 197	Environmental Remediation Cost	\$0.00030	per therm
Schedule 198	Unprotected EDIT	(\$0.00462)	per therm
	Total	\$1.02872	per therm

<u>Rate Summary – Core Customers</u> (continued)

Rate Schedule 105, General Industrial Service Rate

Basic Service Charge		\$35.00	per month
Delivery Charge		\$0.24226	per therm
Schedule 37	Energy Discount Program	\$0.00727	per therm
Schedule 38	Pandemic Cost Recovery	\$0.00634	per therm
Schedule 177	Cost of Gas (WACOG)	\$0.47576	per therm
Schedule 191	Temporary Gas Cost Rate	\$0.30267	per therm
Schedule 192	Intervenor Funding	\$0.00000	per therm
Schedule 196	Oregon Earnings Sharing	\$0.00000	per therm
Schedule 197	Environmental Remediation Cost	\$0.00030	per therm
Schedule 198	Unprotected EDIT	(\$0.00358)	per therm
	Total	\$1.03102	per therm

Rate Schedule 111, General Commercial Service

Basic Service Charge		\$144.00	per month
Delivery Charge		\$0.16113	per therm
Schedule 37	Energy Discount Program	\$0.00479	per therm
Schedule 38	Pandemic Cost Recovery	\$0.00579	per therm
Schedule 177	Cost of Gas (WACOG)	\$0.47576	per therm
Schedule 191	Temporary Gas Cost Rate	\$0.30267	per therm
Schedule 192	Intervenor Funding	\$0.00000	per therm
Schedule 196	Oregon Earnings Sharing	\$0.00000	per therm
Schedule 197	Environmental Remediation Cost	\$0.00030	per therm
Schedule 198	Unprotected EDIT	(\$0.00275)	per therm
	Total	\$0.94769	per therm

Rate Summary - Core Customers (continued)

Schedule 170, Interruptible Services

Basic Service Charge		\$300.00	per month
Delivery Charge		\$0.12376	per therm
Schedule 37	Energy Discount Program	\$0.00364	per therm
Schedule 38	Pandemic Cost Recovery	\$0.00554	per therm
Schedule 177	Cost of Gas (WACOG)	\$0.47576	per therm
Schedule 191	Gas Cost Rate Adjustment	\$0.30267	per therm
Schedule 192	Intervenor Funding Adjustment	\$0.00000	per therm
Schedule 196	Oregon Earnings Sharing	\$0.00000	per therm
Schedule 197	Environmental Remediation Costs	\$0.00030	per therm
Schedule 198	Unprotected EDIT	(\$0.00204)	per therm
	Total	\$0.90963	per therm

Rate Summary - Non-Core Customers

Below are the charges for non-core customers served on Schedule 163 and Schedule 800. A gross revenue fee of 2.98% is applied to the total charges for gas service for all non-core customers.

Schedule 163, General Distribution System Interruptible Transportation Service**

Basic Se	ervice Charge (pe	er month)					\$625.00
		Base Rate	Sch. 37 Energy Discount Program	Sch. 38 Pandemic Cost Recovery	Sch. 197 Enviro. Remedia- tion	Sch.198 Unpro- tected EDIT	Total Per Therm Rate
First	10,000	\$0.12833	0.00207	0.00037	0.00030	(0.00114)	\$0.12993
Next	10,000	\$0.11577	0.00207	0.00037	0.00030	(0.00114)	\$0.11737
Next	30,000	\$0.10877	0.00207	0.00037	0.00030	(0.00114)	\$0.11037
Next	50,000	\$0.06680	0.00207	0.00037	0.00030	(0.00114)	\$0.06840
Next	400,000	\$0.03389	0.00207	0.00037	0.00030	(0.00114)	\$0.03549
Next	500,000	\$0.01816	0.00207	0.00037	0.00030	(0.00114)	\$0.01976
Over	1,000,000	\$0.00189	0.00207	0.00037	0.00030	(0.00114)	\$0.00349

^{**} Schedule 192 and 196 charges are both \$0.00000.

Rate Summary - Non-Core Customers (continued)

Schedule 800, Biomethane Receipt Services**

Basic Se	ervice Charge (pe	er month)						\$2500.00
		Base Rate	Sch. 37 Energy Discount Program	Sch. 38 Pandemic Cost Recovery	Sch. 197 Enviro. Remedia- tion	Sch.198 Unpro- tected EDIT	Odorant	Total Per Therm Rate
First	10,000	\$0.12833	0.00207	0.00037	0.00030	(0.00114)	0.00021	\$0.13014
Next	10,000	\$0.11577	0.00207	0.00037	0.00030	(0.00114)	0.00021	\$0.11758
Next	30,000	\$0.10877	0.00207	0.00037	0.00030	(0.00114)	0.00021	\$0.11058
Next	50,000	\$0.06680	0.00207	0.00037	0.00030	(0.00114)	0.00021	\$0.06861
Next	400,000	\$0.03389	0.00207	0.00037	0.00030	(0.00114)	0.00021	\$0.03570
Next	500,000	\$0.01816	0.00207	0.00037	0.00030	(0.00114)	0.00021	\$0.01997

^{**}The Schedule 192 charge is \$0.00000.

SCHEDULE 101 GENERAL RESIDENTIAL SERVICE RATE

APPLICABILITY

This schedule is available to residential customers.

RATE

See Schedule 99, Rate Summary Sheet for a summation of the charges applicable for gas service under	(T)
this rate schedule.	(T)

MINIMUM CHARGE

Basic Service Charge \$6.00 per month ((I))
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DELIVERY CHARGE		(1)
Delivery Charge	\$0.39467 per therm	(T)

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TERMS OF PAYMENT

Each monthly bill shall be due and payable within twenty-two days from the date of rendition.

TAX ADDITIONS

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

GENERAL TERMS

Service under this rate 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 rate schedule apply to service under this rate schedule, and by all rules and regulations prescribed by regulatory authorities, as amended from time to time.

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SCHEDULE 104 GENERAL COMMERCIAL SERVICE RATE

APPLICABILITY

This schedule is available to commercial customers.

RATE

See Schedule 99, Rate Summary Sheet for a summation of the charges applicable for gas service under this rate schedule.

MINIMUM CHARGE

(T) Basic Service Charge \$12.00 per month

(T) **DELIVERY CHARGE** (T)

\$0.27282 per therm **Delivery Charge**

TERMS OF PAYMENT

Each monthly bill shall be due and payable within twenty-two days from the date of rendition.

TAX ADDITIONS

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

GENERAL TERMS

Service under this rate 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 rate schedule apply to service under this rate schedule, and by all rules and regulations prescribed by regulatory authorities, as amended from time to time.

SCHEDULE 105 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL SERVICE RATE

APPLICABILITY

This schedule is available to industrial customers.

RATE

See Schedule 99, Rate Summary Sheet for a summation of the charges applicable for gas service under this rate schedule. (T)

MINIMUM CHARGE

Basic Service Charge \$35.00 per month

DELIVERY CHARGE(T)Delivery Charge\$0.24226 per therm(T)

TERMS OF PAYMENT

Each monthly bill shall be due and payable within twenty-two days from the date of rendition.

TAX ADDITIONS

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

GENERAL TERMS

Service under this rate 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 rate schedule apply to service under this rate schedule, and by all rules and regulations prescribed by regulatory authorities, as amended from time to time.

SCHEDULE 111 LARGE VOLUME GENERAL SERVICE RATE

APPLICABILITY

Service under this schedule shall be for natural gas supplied for all purposes to customers having an annual fuel requirement of not less than 50,000 therms and where the customer's major fuel requirement is for process use.

RATE

See Schedule 99, Rate Summary Sheet for a summation of the charges applicable for gas service under this rate schedule.

MINIMUM CHARGE
Basic Service Charge \$144.00 per month (T)

DELIVERY CHARGE

SERVICE AGREEMENT

Delivery Charge

Customers receiving service under this rate schedule shall execute a service agreement for a minimum period of twelve consecutive months' use. The service agreement term shall be for a period not less than one year and the termination date of the service agreement in any year shall be September 30th.

\$0.16113 per therm

ANNUAL DEFICIENCY BILL

In the event the customer purchases less than the Annual Minimum Quantity of 50,000 therms as stated in the service agreement, the customer shall be charged an Annual Deficiency Bill. The Annual Deficiency Bill shall be calculated as the difference between the Annual Minimum Quantity and the actual purchase of transport therms times the difference between the per therm rates effective in this schedule and any modifying schedules less WACOG.

TERMS OF PAYMENT (M)

Each monthly bill shall be due and payable within twenty-two days from the date of rendition.

TAX ADDITIONS

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

GENERAL TERMS

Service under this rate 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 rate schedule apply to service under this rate schedule, and by all rules and regulations prescribed by regulatory authorities, as amended from time to time.

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SCHEDULE 163 GENERAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM INTERRUPTIBLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

PURPOSE

This schedule provides interruptible transportation service on the Company's distribution system of customer- supplied natural gas. Service under this schedule is subject to entitlement and curtailment.

APPLICABILTY

To be served on this schedule, the customer must have a service agreement with the Company. The customer must also have secured the purchase and delivery of gas supplies, which may include purchases from a third-party agent authorized by the customer served on this schedule. Such agent, otherwise known as a marketer or supplier and hereafter referred to as supplier, nominates and transports natural gas to the Company's system on a Customer's behalf in the manner established herein.

RATE

A. Basic Service Charge

\$625.00 per month

B. Distribution Charge

	Therms	Base Rate
First	10,000	\$0.12833
Next	10,000	\$0.11577
Next	30,000	\$0.10877
Next	50,000	\$0.06680
Next	400,000	\$0.03389
Next	500,000	\$0.01816
Over	1,000,000	\$0.00189

C. Adjustment Charges

See Schedule 99, Rate Summary Sheet for a summation of the charges applicable for gas service under this rate schedule.

D. Commodity Gas Supply Charge

The Company will pass through to the customer served on this schedule all costs, if any, incurred for securing the necessary supply at the city gate excluding pipeline transportation charges.

E. Gross Revenue Fee

The total of all charges invoiced by Company shall be subject to a Gross Revenue Fee as stated in Schedule 99 to cover state utility tax and other governmental levies imposed upon the Company, as those fees and levies may be in effect from time to time.

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SCHEDULE 170 INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE

AVAILABILITY

This schedule is available for natural gas delivered for all purposes to customers having an annual fuel requirement of not less than 180,000 therms per year and where customer agrees to maintain standby fuel burning facilities and an adequate supply of standby fuel to replace the entire supply of natural gas delivered hereunder.

SERVICE

Service under this schedule shall be subject to curtailment by the Company when in the judgment of the Company such curtailment or interruption of service is necessary. Company shall not be liable for damages for or because of any curtailment of natural gas deliveries hereunder.

RATE

See Schedule 99, Rate Summary Sheet for a summation of charges applicable for gas service under this rate schedule. (T)

MINIMUM CHARGE

Basic Service Charge \$300.00 per month

DELIVERY CHARGE(T)Delivery Charge\$0.12376 per therm(T)

TERMS OF PAYMENT

Each monthly bill shall be due and payable twenty-two days from the date of rendition.

TAX ADDITIONS

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

SERVICE AGREEMENT

Service under this schedule requires an executed service agreement between the Company and the customer. The service agreement term shall be for a period not less than the period covered under the customer's gas purchase contract with the customer's supplier. However, in no event shall the service agreement be for less than one year and the termination date of the service agreement in any year shall be September 30th.

SCHEDULE 800 BIOMETHANE RECEIPT SERVICES

PURPOSE:

This Schedule establishes terms and conditions whereby qualifying producers of biomethane (Biomethane Producer) may request either a newly constructed interconnection to the Company's distribution system or increased capacity at an existing interconnection point, and associated extension of distribution system and related facilities (Project Facilities) for the purpose of injecting and transporting qualifying Producer-supplied biomethane on the Company's distribution system. Service under this Schedule does not pertain to the receipt of Company-supplied or produced biomethane or to situations where the Company will purchase or own the environmental attributes associated with the biomethane.

APPLICABILITY:

Service under this Schedule may be available to Biomethane Producers who meet all of the following conditions:

- The Producer will transport biomethane on the Company's distribution system;
- 2) The Biomethane Producer must meet the credit screening criteria as established for nonresidential customers in Rule 3;
- 3) The raw biogas from which the biomethane is produced must be from one or a mix of the following feedstocks: a) agricultural byproducts; b) wastewater; c) landfill waste; or d) food and beverage waste; or e) other cellulosic materials;
- 4) The Company has determined that injection of biomethane will not jeopardize or interfere with normal operation of the Company's distribution system and its provision of gas service to its customers and its ability to comply with all legal and regulatory requirements;
- 5) The Company has determined that Company's distribution system has the capacity to accept the biomethane and/or Project Facilities capable of enabling the acceptance of the biomethane can be designed, constructed, and operated in accordance with all applicable local, state, and federal requirements; and
- 6) Prior to the Company's building an interconnection, the Biomethane Producer must demonstrate to the Company's satisfaction that it has secured end user(s) either on the Company's system or outside of the Company's system who agree to purchase or move off the system all the estimated biomethane production. If the end user is outside of the Company's system, the Biomethane Producer must demonstrate to the Company that it has secured the appropriate transmission rights to move the biomethane off the Company's system. The Company reserves the right to terminate Biomethane Receipt Services until the Producer has met this requirement.

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SCHEDULE 800 BIOMETHANE RECEIPT SERVICES

MONTHLY CHARGES

A Producer receiving service under this Schedule shall receive the following monthly charges: Basic Service Charge and Minimum Monthly Bill: \$2,500.00.

	Therms	Base Rate
First	10,000	\$0.12833
Next	10,000	\$0.11577
Next	30,000	\$0.10877
Next	50,000	\$0.06680
Next	400,000	\$0.03389
Next	500,000	\$0.01816
Over	1,000,000	\$0.00189

See Schedule 99, Rate Summary Sheet for a summation of the charges applicable for gas service under this rate schedule.

Charges for service on this schedule are not subject to increases as set forth in Schedule No. 31, Public Purpose Charge, but are subject to a Gross Revenue Fee as stated in Schedule 99 and taxes per Schedule 100, Municipal Exactions, as applicable.

PREREQUISITES TO BIOMETHANE RECEIPT SERVICES

Preceding the receipt of biomethane, service under this Schedule requires an interconnection capacity study and an Engineering Study, as needed; An Interconnect Agreement between the Company and the Producer must be executed prior to the construction of any Project Facilities or receipt of Biomethane.

RECEIPT SERVICES PROVIDED

The Company will provide a qualifying Producer with a Company-owned, operated, and maintained point of interconnection to enable receipt of qualifying biomethane into the Company's distribution system.

MINIMUM BIOMETHANE QUALITY STANDARDS

Service under this Schedule requires continual compliance with Biomethane quality standards and reporting requirement described in the Interconnect Agreement.

MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Service under this Schedule requires continual compliance with monitoring and reporting requirements as described in the Interconnect Agreement.