

ORDER NO. 13 449

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 1631

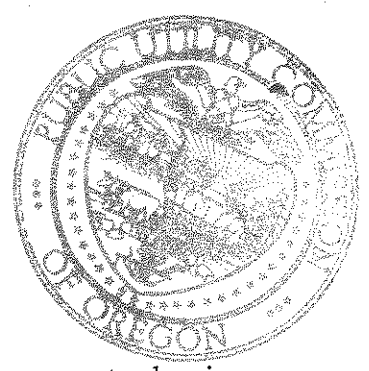
In the Matter of  
  
CASCADE NATURAL GAS  
CORPORATION,  
  
Request for Waiver of OAR 860-027-0005.

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DISPOSITION: STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED

At its public meeting on November 26, 2013, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon adopted Staff's recommendation in this matter. The Staff Report with the recommendation is attached as Appendix A.

BY THE COMMISSION:



*Becky L. Beier*  
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**Becky L. Beier**  
Commission Secretary

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order under ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-001-0720. A copy of the request must also be served on each party to the proceedings as provided in OAR 860-001-0180(2). A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480 through 183.484.

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ITEM NO. CA19

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: November 26, 2013**

REGULAR \_\_\_\_\_ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE \_\_\_\_\_ Not applicable

DATE: November 12, 2013

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Paul Rossow <sup>PR</sup>

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer, Maury Galbraith, and Aster Adams

SUBJECT: CASCADE NATURAL GAS: (Docket No. UM 1631) Request waiver of OAR 860-027-0005.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Commission approve Cascade Natural Gas's (Cascade) request to waive the first day of November Budget of Expenditures Report filing date in OAR 860-027-0005.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Budget of Expenditures Report**

On October 31, 2013, Cascade filed a request for a two-month extension of the filing date for its Budget of Expenditures Report. OAR 860-027-0005 states that "Each energy utility operating within Oregon and having gross operating revenues of \$50,000 or more per annum is required to file with the Commission on or before the first day of November of each year, a copy of its proposed Budget of Expenditures Report, on forms approved by the Commission." The Budget of Expenditures is based on a calendar year and its budget is approved by the Board of Directors in November of each year. Therefore, the data is not available to Cascade until after the first day of November.

Staff has no concerns granting the Company's waiver request such that the Company files its 2014 Budget of Expenditures Report by December 31, 2013. While the extension for the 2014 Budget of Expenditures should have been approved prior to November 1, 2013, Staff has been in direct contact with the utility on this matter. In addition, approving this waiver request will not impact the Company or its customers.

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**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

Cascade's request for a waiver of OAR 860-027-0005 be granted.

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