

ORDER NO. 22-429

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 460

In the Matter of

CASCADE NATURAL GAS
CORPORATION,

Advice No. O22-09-01 Cascade's Energy
Discount Program Revision.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED

At its public meeting on November 1, 2022, 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:



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Nolan Moser
Chief Administrative Law Judge

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 Circuit Court for Marion County in compliance with ORS 183.484.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT**

PUBLIC MEETING DATE: November 1, 2022

REGULAR _____ **CONSENT** X **EFFECTIVE DATE** November 2, 2022

DATE: October 21, 2022

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Charles Lockwood

THROUGH: Bryan Conway and Caroline Moore **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: CASCADE NATURAL GAS:
(Docket No. UG 460/Advice No. O22-09-01)
Updates Cascade's Energy Discount Program Cost Recovery,
Schedule 37, to include Rate Schedule 800.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Advice No. 022-00-01, Docket No. UG 460, Cascade Natural Gas Company's (Cascade or Company) request to update Schedule 37 Energy Discount Cost Program Recovery to include Rate Schedule 800, effective with service on and after November 2, 2022.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) should approve Cascade's Advice No. 022-00-01, which updates Schedule 37, Energy Discount Program Cost Recovery (EDP), to include Rate Schedule 800, effective with service on and after November 2, 2022.

Applicable Law

ORS 757.205 requires public utilities to file schedules showing all rates, tolls, and charges for service that have been established and are in force at the time. Pursuant to ORS 757.210, the Commission may approve tariff changes if they are deemed to be fair, just, and reasonable.

Tariff revisions may be made by filing revised sheets with the information required under the Commission's administrative rules, including OAR 860-022-0025.

OAR 860-022-0025(2) specifically requires that each energy utility changing existing tariffs or schedules must include in its filing a statement plainly indicating the increase, decrease, or other change made with the filing, the number of customers affected by the proposed change and the resulting change in annual revenue; and the reasons or grounds relied upon in support of the proposed change. OAR 860-022-0030(1) further requires that for tariff or schedule filings proposing increased rates, the utility must for each separate schedule, identify the total number of customers affected, the total annual revenue derived under the existing schedule, and the amount of estimated revenue which will be derived from applying the proposed schedule, the average monthly use and resulting bills under both the existing rates and the proposed rates that will fairly represent the application of the proposed tariff or schedules, and the reasons or grounds relied upon in support of the proposed increase.

Filings that make 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 changes.

ORS 757.220; OAR 860-022-0015. Tariff filings to be effective on less than 30 days following notice of the change may be authorized with a waiver of less than statutory notice pursuant to ORS 757.220 and OAR 860-022-0020.

Analysis

Background

On July 26, 2022, the Commission approved Advice Filing No. O22-06-01, establishing Cascade's Arrearage Management Program and Energy Discount (AMPED) under Schedule 36 and the corresponding cost recovery mechanism under Schedule 37.

On September 26, 2022, Cascade filed Advice No. O22-09-01 revising Schedule 37 as created by Advice Filing No. O22-06-01. Cascade filed revisions to Schedule 37 because it unintentionally omitted Rate Schedule 800 from their previously approved P.U.C. OR. No. 10 Original Sheet 37.1. Advice No. O22-09-01 corrects the omission by adding Rate Schedule 800 to Sheet No. 37.1, with no other changes to the Schedule 37 rates.

Staff Review

Staff reviewed the revised Sheet No. 37.1 and found that the only change is the addition of Rate Schedule 800. Staff confirmed there are currently no customers on Rate Schedule 800 and there are no immediate impacts on customers or on the previously approved Schedule 37 rates created by this revised filing.

Based on the Company's revised filing, the Schedule 37 charges will apply for each rate schedule as listed in Table 1 (see page three), with no changes other than the addition of Rate Schedule 800.

Table 1. Schedule 37 (Revised) Rate Impacts by Schedule

Rate Schedule	Rate	
101	\$0.81	per month
104	\$0.00889	per therm
105	\$0.00727	per therm
111	\$0.00479	per therm
163	\$0.00207	per therm
170	\$0.00364	per therm
800	\$0.00207	per therm

Conclusion

Based on the circumstances listed above, and Staff's review of the company's filing, Staff concludes that Cascade's proposed revision to Schedule 37 merely corrects an inadvertent omission of Rate Schedule 800 and contains no revisions to the previously approved Schedule 37 rates. Staff further finds that the revisions will have no immediate impacts on customers or change any previously approved Schedule 37 rates.

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the Company's tariff as proposed in Advice No. O22-09-01.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve Advice No. 022-09-01, Docket No. UG 460, Cascade Natural Gas Company's request to update Schedule 37 Energy Discount Program Cost Recovery to include Rate Schedule 800, effective with service on and after November 2, 2022.