

ORDER NO. 25-278

ENTERED Jul 22 2025

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 2307

In the Matter of

CASCADE NATURAL GAS  
CORPORATION,

Renewable Natural Gas Program Petition  
as Required er OAR 860-150-0400(1).

ORDER

**DISPOSITION: STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED**

At its public meeting on July 22, 2025, 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:



**Alison Lackey**  
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.

ITEM NO. CA10

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: July 22, 2025**

**REGULAR** \_\_\_\_\_ **CONSENT**   X   **EFFECTIVE DATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **NA** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** July 14, 2025

**TO:** Public Utility Commission

**FROM:** Eric Shierman

**THROUGH:** JB Batmale and Sarah Hall **SIGNED**

**SUBJECT:** CASCADE NATURAL GAS:  
(Docket No. UM 2307)  
Requests waiver of OAR 860-150-0600(1) for Renewable Natural Gas  
Compliance Report, extending deadline to July 31, 2025.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Grant a temporary waiver for Cascade Natural Gas's Renewable Natural Gas  
Compliance Report, extending the filing deadline from June 30, 2025 to July 31, 2025.

**DISCUSSION:**

Issue

Whether the Public Utility Commission (Commission) should extend Cascade Natural  
Gas's (Cascade or the Company) Renewable Natural Gas Compliance Report (the  
Report) deadline from June 30, 2025 to July 31, 2025.

Applicable Rule or Law

Senate Bill (SB) 98 (2019) created a renewable natural gas (RNG) program for Oregon  
gas companies. Participation in this program is governed under the Commission's  
Division 150 rules. Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 860-150-0600(1) states:

A large natural gas utility or a small natural gas utility that participates in the  
RNG program described in these rules must file an annual compliance  
report for each year that the utility participates in the program by making  
RNG purchases or qualified investments. Each compliance report will cover

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a calendar year, beginning January 1 through and including December 31. The first report is due on June 30 of the year following the first compliance year, and then annually on June 30 thereafter for as long as the utility continues to participate in the program.

OAR 860-150-0005(4) permits the Commission to waive any of the Division 150 rules for good cause.

### Analysis

#### *Background*

The Commission approved Cascade's participation in the SB 98 RNG program on December 2, 2024.<sup>1</sup> On June 27, 2025, Cascade filed a petition for a one-time waiver of the Company's Report, which was due three days later.

Cascade's petition seeks to extend the filing deadline by one month, from June 30, 2025 to July 31, 2025. In its filing, the Company notes the reporting requirement is new and that this extension would allow Cascade the time needed to properly fulfill the requirements of the RNG Compliance Report.<sup>2</sup>

Staff supports this petition. The Report is new, and a month delay is worth improving the quality of the report. Staff is not aware of any stakeholder concerns regarding the requested extension.

### Conclusion

Staff recommends the Commission approve Cascade's petition to delay filing the Report until July 31, 2025.

### **PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

Grant a temporary waiver of OAR 860-150-0600(1) extending the filing deadline for Cascade Natural Gas's Renewable Natural Gas Compliance Report from June 30, 2025 to July 31, 2025.

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<sup>1</sup> Docket No. UM 2307, PUC, Order No. 24-445, at 1 (December 11, 2024).

<sup>2</sup> See Docket No. UM 2395, Cascade Petition at 1 (June 27, 2025).