

ORDER NO.00-377

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of the Petition of CASCADE)	
NATURAL GAS CORPORATION for a)	
Determination that Certain Upstream Services)	
are Subject to Competition.)	ORDER

DISPOSITION: PETITION APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

The Commission received a petition from Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, filed pursuant to ORS 757.516, requesting competitive market determination and related tariff revisions.

Based on a review of the petition and the Commission's records, the Commission finds that the petition satisfies applicable statutes and administrative rules. At its public meeting on June 20, 2000, the Commission adopted Staff's recommendation to approve the petition. Staff's recommendation is attached as Appendix A and is incorporated by reference.

Jurisdiction

ORS 757.005 defines a "public utility" as anyone providing heat, light, water, or power service to the public in Oregon. The Company is a public utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

Applicable law

Pursuant to ORS 757.516, the Commission must determine that upstream markets are subject to competition before a local distribution company (LDC) can enter into contracts to provide upstream services. The Company's request is consistent with this statute.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's request for competitive market determination and related tariff revisions as described in Appendix A is granted.

Made, entered, and effective _____.

BY THE COMMISSION:

Vikie Bailey-Goggins
Commission Secretary

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. A party may appeal this order to a court pursuant to ORS 756.580