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An electronic (B&W photo) file of Mr. Grunhurd is available.

Cascade Natural Gas Promotes Dave Grunhurd as Northwest Region Director

December 27, 2000 – Seattle, WA – Cascade Natural Gas Corporation is pleased to announce the appointment of Dave Grunhurd to the newly created position of Director – Northwest Region. Mr. Grunhurd is responsible for all operations in the Bellingham and Mt. Vernon districts. Mr. Will Odell, Vice President – Districts commented, “We are continually striving to improve services to our customers through better practices and operating efficiencies. Mr. Grunhurd’s appointment reinforces that dedication to improving services.”

Mr. Grunhurd joined the company in 1976 as a consumer representative and was promoted to Grays Harbor district manager in 1981. He returned to Bellingham in March 1988 as district superintendent and was promoted to Bellingham district manger in September 1988. He earned his Bachelors degree in business from Central Washington University in 1972. Mr. Grunhurd, his wife Linda and their two daughters reside in Bellingham.

Mr. Odell added, “Mr. Grunhurd has contributed enormously to the company’s past successes. I congratulate him on his achievements and know he will excel in his new position.”

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation is a local distribution company that provides natural gas service to more than 185,000 customers in 90 communities in Washington and Oregon. In his new position, Mr. Grunhurd is responsible for the Bellingham district which includes Bellingham, Blaine, Lynden, Ferndale, Sumas, Everson, Acme, Deming, Lawrence, and Nooksack; and the Mt. Vernon district which includes Mt. Vernon, Anacortes, Oak Harbor, LaConner, Sedro Woolly, Arlington, Burlington, and Stanwood.

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