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An electronic (B&W photo) file of Ms. Metcalf is available.

Cascade Natural Gas Promotes Lynn Metcalf as Western Region Director

December 27, 2000 -- Seattle, WA -- Cascade Natural Gas Corporation is pleased to announce the appointment of Lynn Metcalf to the new position of Director – Western Region. Ms. Metcalf is responsible for all operations of the Bremerton, Aberdeen, and Longview districts. Will Odell, Vice President – Districts commented, “We are continually striving to improve services to our customers through better practices and operating efficiencies. Ms. Metcalf’s appointment reinforces that dedication to improving services.”

Ms. Metcalf joined Cascade in May 1963 as Mail Clerk in the company’s Seattle office and also served as an accounts payable clerk and cashier/bookkeeper there. She later transferred to Mt. Vernon as a cashier/bookkeeper, senior cashier and she was promoted to Mt. Vernon district office manager in 1985. She was again promoted to assistant district manager in Yakima in 1992 and most recently had served as Walla Walla district manager, a position she had held since 1996.

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

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation is a local distribution company that provides natural gas service to more than 189,000 customers in 90 communities in Washington and Oregon. Ms. Metcalf’s western division responsibilities include the Bremerton, Aberdeen, and Longview districts. Bremerton district includes Bremerton, Port Orchard, Belfair, Sunnyslope, Gorst, Manchester, Chico, Silverdale, Keyport, and Poulsbo; Aberdeen district includes Aberdeen Hoquiam, Shelton, Montesano, Elma, and McCleary; and Longview district includes Longview, Kelso, Woodland, Kalama, and Castle Rock.

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