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

### Cascade Natural Gas Promotes Mike Clapp as Southern Region Director

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

Mr. Clapp joined Cascade in 1995 as a distribution clerk in Kennewick. In 1998 he transferred to Bend in the same position and was promoted to district supervisor in February 1999. In April 1999, he transferred to Walla Walla as district superintendent. Prior to joining Cascade, Mr. Clapp worked for ten years with Washington Energy Company as an operations manager. Mr. Clapp, his wife Johanna, their son Jason, and daughter Jordann make their home in Bend.

Mr. Odell added, “Mike 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 189,000 customers in 90 communities in Washington and Oregon. Mr. Clapp is responsible for the Bend district which includes Bend, Redmond, Madras, Prineville, Sun River, Gilchrist, Crescent, Chemult, LaPine and Metolius; and the Eastern Oregon district which includes, Ontario, Baker City, Vale, Nyssa, and Huntington.

Cascade’s common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) with the symbol CGC.

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