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EARTHQUAKE UPDATE FROM CASCADE NATURAL GAS

For Immediate Release:

(Seattle, WA) – February 28, 2001: Following this morning's earthquake, Cascade Natural Gas officials are assessing the impact to its natural gas system in the Bellingham, Mt. Vernon, Bremerton, Aberdeen, and Longview areas.

Until final assessment, Cascade Natural Gas asks its customers NOT to turn off their gas service at the meter. If customers smell natural gas and the odor is originating from within the home or business, customers must leave their homes and call the natural gas company from a phone outside the home or office. Customers should not turn any electric switches on or off and should not use the telephone.

Again while the impact of the earthquake is being assessed, natural gas customers are urged to NOT turn off their natural gas service.

Phone numbers for Cascade's offices are as follows

Anacortes	360-293-5164
Aberdeen	360-532-2540
Bellingham	360-733-5980
Bremerton	360-373-1403
Longview	360-423-7470
Mt. Vernon	360-336-6155

The Company thanks its customers for their assistance.

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