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Cascade Natural Gas Corporation Requests a Decrease in Natural Gas Rates in Washington.

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Cascade Natural Gas Corporation announced today that it has filed a Purchase Gas Adjustment (PGA) with the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission to reflect the decline in the wholesale price of natural gas. A PGA is a mechanism designed to pass the actual costs of gas supplies to customers. If the PGA filing is approved, this will be the second time in three months Cascade has lowered natural gas rates for Washington customers. The proposed rate reduction is expected to go into effect on Aug. 1, 2009.

“We are pleased that wholesale natural gas prices have remained lower than last year, which allows Cascade to offer our Washington customers a double-digit rate decrease,” said Jon Stoltz, Senior Vice President of Regulatory & Gas Supply of Cascade.

The proposed rate decrease would save residential customers a total of 13.67 percent on their natural gas bills. A typical residential customer using 60 therms a month can expect a reduction of \$10.75 on their monthly bill or \$129 in savings for usage over a 12-month period. A commercial customer using an average of 299 therms a month can expect a decrease of \$53.59 on their monthly bill or \$643 in savings for usage over a 12-month period. This represents a rate reduction of 14.31 percent for commercial customers.

A similar PGA filing is expected in the fall for Oregon.

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Cascade Natural Gas is a natural gas distribution company serving approximately 252,000 residential, commercial, industrial and transportation customers in 95 communities in Washington and Oregon. Cascade is a subsidiary of MDU Resources Group, Inc., a multidimensional natural resources enterprise traded on the New York Stock Exchange as “MDU.” For more information about MDU Resources, visit the company’s Web site at www.mdu.com. For more information about Cascade, visit www.cngc.com.