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Re: Advice No. W24-03-01, Schedule 700, Temporary Climate Commitment Act Adjustment Schedule

Dear Director Killip,

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade or Company) submits to the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission (Commission) the following revisions to its Tariff WN U-3, stated to become effective with service on and after May 1, 2024:

Twenty-eighth Revision of Sheet No. 2-A
Original Sheet No. 700-1
Original Sheet No. 700-2

Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to introduce Cascade's proposed tariff Schedule 700, Temporary Climate Commitment Act Adjustment Schedule, which establishes a new charge and credit related to 2023 and 2024 compliance to the Climate Commitment Act (CCA).

Background

During the 2021-2022 Legislative Session, Washington State lawmakers passed Enross Substitute Senate Bill 5126 (ESSB 5126), more commonly referred to as the Climate Commitment Act or the CCA. ESSB 5126 was codified as Chapter 70A.65 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW). On September 29, 2022, the Department of Ecology adopted Chapter 173-446 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) which outlines how it will administer the CCA.

The CCA, which became effective January 1, 2023, seeks to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 95% of the state's 1990 levels by 2050 through the implementation of a cap-and-invest program designed to meet emission reduction targets.

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To reach these aggressive GHG emissions reduction targets, industries associated with carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) emissions, including natural gas utilities, must meet annual emissions reduction targets through reduced gas sales, offset projects, or allowances available for purchase through a Department of Ecology-run emissions allowance auction.

The Department of Ecology provides eligible utilities with no-cost allowances each year. A portion of these allowances may be used to meet the utilities' annual compliance goals while the remaining portion must be consigned to auction and the revenues from their sale must help offset the cost impact of CCA compliance to customers. The number of no-cost allowances provided and the corresponding amount that may be used to meet compliance obligations diminishes each year. In 2023, utilities received 93 percent of their emissions baseline, measured as an average of emissions from 2015-2019, in no-cost allowances, and 65 percent of those had to be consigned to auction with the revenues being passed back to customers. The percentage of no-cost allowances that must be sold at auction increases each year by five percent. By 2030, 100 percent must be sold at auction. The number of no-cost allowances received decreases annually in a stepped progression until 2050, when utilities will not receive any no-cost allowances.

The revenues from the no-cost allowance sales not only reduce the CCA compliance cost for customers, but these funds are also intended to fully offset the compliance cost for known-low-income residential customers. Because the CCA is seeking to reduce carbon emissions, the allowances cannot be used to reduce the compliance costs for customers at sites that were connected to the gas system after July 25, 2021—unless the customer is a known-low-income residential customer.

With this filing, the Company is seeking to recover its actual CCA compliance costs for 2023 and its forecasted 2024 compliance costs, and to credit customers the revenues from its no-cost allowance sales.

Proposed Adjustment Mechanism**WA Climate Act Fee**

The Company's proposed Schedule 700, Climate Commitment Act Rate Adjustment, implements a credit and a fee. The charge collects the Company's actual 2023 and the forecasted 2024 CCA compliance costs. The charge is applicable to all customer classes as a per therm charge. As the Commission and interested parties have expressed when reviewing other utilities' CCA fee and credit filings, a volumetric charge achieves the intent of the CCA, which is to impose a cost on carbon emissions. With the proposed volumetric charge, a customer's payment for CCA compliance is appropriately commensurate with the amount of natural gas each customer has used. To determine the WA Climate Act Fee, the Company allocated the CCA costs to each customer class based on total therm usage. Interest accrued during the amortization period is different for the residential customer class because the WA Climate Act Credit, explained in more detail below, changes each month. In addition, the residential customer class includes a fully offsetting credit for known-low-income customers. Because of the interest impact of these differences, the WA Climate Act Fee for the residential customer class is slightly different than the other customer classes.

WA Climate Act Credit

The WA Climate Act Credit mitigates the impact of CCA compliance by distributing to customers the revenues generated from the sale of no-cost allowances. For all customer classes, the credit is the lesser of the maximum WA Climate Act Credit amount as stated in Schedule 700 or 80 percent of the WA Climate Act Fee that the customer has incurred for the month. The 80 percent cap ensures that customers using low volumes of gas continue to pay their fair and equitable portion of the WA Climate Act Fee and that no customer receives a net credit.

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The maximum WA Climate Act Credit for residential (Schedule 503) and small commercial (Schedule 504) customers is different each month based on the customer classes' seasonal load shape, allowing the credit to be more substantial in winter months and less in non-winter months. Residential and small commercial customers are the only customer classes with seasonal load shapes. By making the maximum WA Climate Act Credit larger during the peak usage months of the heating season, the WA Climate Act Credit works to level the annual cost impact of the WA Climate Act Fee. For gas heating customers, the WA Climate Act Fee will be more expensive in the winter because more therms will be used. A larger winter credit offsets this impact. This cost mitigation strategy complies with RCW 70A.65.130(2)(b) which requires that CCA revenues be used to "minimize cost impacts on. . . residential and small business customers."

As previously mentioned, because the CCA seeks to incentivize the reduction of GHG emissions, customers served at locations where the gas service was installed after July 25, 2021, do not receive a cost-mitigating WA Climate Act Credit. This parameter complies with RCW 70A.65.130 (2)(c).

The Company intends to include the WA Climate Act Fee and the WA Climate Act Credit as line items on all customer bills to remain consistent with the way all other adjustment schedules are currently presented on Cascade bills. The transparency of itemizing these costs and credits on customer bills is also important in allowing customers to see the impacts of the CCA so they can make informed decisions on how to reduce their CO₂e emissions either by reducing their usage or through other methods such as the Company's proposed voluntary renewable natural gas program.¹

Known-Low-Income

In compliance with RCW 70A.65.130 (2)(b), known-low-income residential customers will be held harmless from CCA compliance costs, receiving a fully offsetting WA Climate Act Credit in the same amount as their WA Climate Act Fee, resulting in a zero percent bill impact. For the purpose of Schedule 700, known-low-income is defined as any residential customer receiving service in the Cascade Arrearage Relief and Energy Saving (CARES) program, defined in Rule 20 and Schedule 302, regardless of whether or not their CARES discount has been suspended for the application of a Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grant.² A residential customer who qualifies for any low-income program administered by or on behalf of the Company—including Low Income Home Energy Savings (LIHEAP), Winter Help bill assistance grants, and Washington Incentive Program (a weatherization and energy efficiency program provided at no direct cost to low-income customers)—is placed in CARES, making participation in CARES the best proxy the Company has for identifying its low-income customers.

CARES is in its first year of service. Since its implementation on October 1, 2023, the program penetration has exceeded six percent of applicable customers as identified in the Company's Low Income Needs Assessment Report (LINA).³ In its filing to initiate CARES, Cascade predicted it would enroll 10% of eligible customers. Based on initial uptake, the Company believes that with increased and targeted outreach, it

¹ See proposed Schedule 705, Voluntary Renewable Natural Gas Schedule filed in Cascade Advice No. W24-03-02.

² Rule 20 of the Company's natural gas Tariff establishes that a customer's CARES enrollment will be paused when a LIHEAP grant is applied to their account. This provision was added at the request of the Company's Low-Income Advisory Group as they wanted to protect the Community Action Agencies' ability to spend down their annual LIHEAP funds. This provision will not impact a customer's status as known-low-income for the purpose of offsetting the WA Climate Act Fee with an equivalent credit.

³ Forefront Economics, Peach, H. Gil, *Cascade Natural Gas Corporation Low-Income Rate Analysis for Washington* (a.k.a. Low-Income Needs Assessment or LINA), May 31, 2022.

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may exceed its goal. The Company and its Low-Income Advisory Group are continually looking at how to improve the CARES program and ultimately, the program's reach.

Exceptions

Certain customers identified as exempt from CCA compliance per WAC 173-446-040 (2) will not be assessed either the WA Climate Act Fee or the WA Climate Act Credit. Exempt customers include customers designated as covered entities by the Department of Ecology, military sites associated with national security, and customers identified by Department of Ecology as Emissions-Intensive-Trade-Exposed per RCW 70A.65.110.

Accounting Treatment

The CCA compliance costs as well as any revenues are deferred in accordance with Commission Order No. 01 issued in Docket UG-220759. Commission approval for authorization to use deferred accounting treatment of CCA costs and revenues includes the ability to accrue interest on the deferred balance using the Company's actual cost of debt, updated semi-annually on July 1 and January 1. With this filing, the Company seeks Commission authorization to begin recovery and refunding of the balances as well as continued deferral of CCA costs and revenues for future recovery/credit. The Company proposes to track the costs in FERC account 182.3 and the revenues in FERC account 254. This accounting treatment aligns with the Company's current methodology for the accounting treatment of the CCA deferral balance.

True-Up Provision

Schedule 700 includes a provision to true-up up the difference between actual and forecasted costs and revenues. Any difference in actual costs and benefits will be trued up in a future filing. The Company will track the amortization of the costs and credits for each customer class separately. Tracking and truing up each class independently will ensure each class is paying its fair share of CCA costs, receiving its fair share of CCA credits, and that the interest is being applied correctly.

Recovery Period

The recovery period for the proposed temporary adjustment filing is 11-months, with a proposed effective date of May 1, 2024. Cascade intends to file an update to its WA Climate Act Fee and WA Climate Act Credit by February 1, 2025, with an effective date of April 1, 2025. The Company will then file to make the Schedule 700 adjustment true-up annually concurrent with the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment filings with a November 1 effective date.

CCA Compliance Costs

The cost to comply with the CCA is primarily comprised of three components: the purchase of emissions allowances, deferred costs consisting of labor and consulting, and other costs, all of which are discussed in more detail in this section. Interest is then applied to those components consistent with Commission directive.

The largest source of costs related to CCA compliance is the purchase of emissions allowances at auction. As previously mentioned, the Company purchases allowances through the Department of Ecology-run emissions allowance auctions to meet the annual emissions reduction targets.

The deferred costs include incremental labor related to implementing, tracking, and maintaining the CCA program by Cascade staff. The Company will request to recover the incremental labor costs related to CCA compliance in base rates in its upcoming multi-year rate plan (MYRP). Future CCA filings will include a reduced or zeroed labor amount if the Commission approves the Company's MYRP. Because the

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Company's proposed CCA filing includes a true-up provision, any difference in actual labor costs will be trued up in subsequent filings.

In addition to labor costs, consulting costs and other costs are also deferred. The Company contracted with an external consultant to assist with understanding and implementing the CCA, and to provide general guidance related to the CCA. Examples of services and work product provided by the external consultant were training on carbon allowance auctions, development of a modeling tool to manage compliance instrument obligations and plan for compliance instrument needs, assistance in standing up a governance process for compliance instrument purchases, and guidance during the auctions in 2023 to allow the Company to successfully prepare, participate, and analyze results.

Finally, the other costs are for bid guarantee fees and fees related to legal consultation with the Company's external legal advisor to interpret CCA requirements for accurate implementation of the Company's compliance plan, prepare for any changes related to Washington's linking of allowance auctions with California and Quebec, and assist with RNG project contracting.

Customer Bill Impacts

The bill impact for known-low-income residential customers is zero percent. For non-known-low-income residential customers who use 55 therms per month at a location where gas service was installed before July 25, 2021, the Schedule 700 credit and fee will result in an average monthly bill increase of \$2.83 or 3.69 percent. A summary of the bill impacts for customers served at locations that were connected to gas service by July 25, 2021, are provided in the Table 1 below. The actual impact may vary and will depend on a customer's actual natural gas usage and is subject to the proposed cap of 80 percent of the billed WA Climate Act Fee.

Table 1 - Bill Impacts for Customers at Locations where Gas Service was Installed on or before July 25, 2021

Customer Class	Current Monthly Bill	Proposed Monthly Difference	Proposed Bill Impact
Known-Low-Income Residential (Sch 503)	\$76.72	\$0	0%
Non-Known-Low-Income Residential (Sch. 503)	\$76.72	\$2.83	3.69%
Commercial (Sch. 504)	\$348.28	\$14.78	4.24%
Industrial (Sch. 505)	\$2,497.79	\$115.31	4.62%
Large Volume (Sch.511)	\$14,209.95	\$634.23	4.46%
Interruptible (Sch. 570)	\$24,600.66	\$1,460.29	5.94%
Transportation (Sch. 663)	\$8,372.34	\$7,354.14	87.84%

Table 2 provides the bill impacts for customers receiving service at locations where gas service was installed after July 25, 2021.

Table 2 – Customer Bill Impacts for Customers at Locations where Gas Service was Installed after July 25, 2021

Customer Class	Current Monthly Bill	Proposed Monthly Difference	Proposed Bill Impact
Known-Low-Income Residential (Sch 503)	\$76.72	\$0	0%
Non-Known-Low-Income Residential (Sch. 503)	\$76.72	\$19.13	24.93%
Commercial (Sch. 504)	\$348.28	\$95.62	27.45%
Industrial (Sch. 505)	\$2,497.79	\$753.86	30.18%
Large Volume (Sch.511)	\$14,209.95	\$4,418.85	31.10%
Interruptible (Sch. 570)	\$24,600.66	\$8,433.30	34.28%
Transportation (Sch. 663)	\$8,372.34	\$46,116.49	550.82%

If approved, this filing will increase the Company’s revenues by \$31.25 million.

Equity Advisory Group

At its December 8, 2023, meeting and again on February 8, 2024, the Company presented its Equity Advisory Group (EAG) with an overview of both the CCA and this filing. The Company presented both the costs and benefits CCA provides for the community. The EAG recommended the Company provide customer communications on its CCA filing that are simply stated so the content can be readily understood by a broad spectrum of people. They further suggested the Company use numerous communication channels to inform customers about this filing. The Company is implementing the EAG’s recommendations.

Communications Plan

In compliance with WAC 480-90-194, Cascade will mail customers a bill insert notifying them of the proposed rate increase starting April 1, 2024. Since this is a complex filing, the bill insert is twice the size of a typical bill insert (a folded 8.5 inch by 7 inch rather than 8.5 inch by 3.5 inch), and it is printed front and back, one side in English and the other side in Spanish. The bill insert includes a quick response (QR) code that leads customers to a Cascade Natural Gas webpage that provides additional information about the CCA and this filing, as well as a link to a Frequently Asked Questions webpage. A copy of the customer notice is included with this filing.

In addition to the customer notice and website communications, the Company is also planning to provide customer communications about this filing on social media. Messaging to residential customers about the WA Climate Act Fee will include information on how to enroll in the CARES program. Cascade is also notifying its Low-Income Advisory Group and the representatives from each Community Action Agency within the Company’s Washington service territory about this filing and its impact on customer bills.

Workpapers

The attached Excel file titled, “New-CNG-WA24-03-01-WP-03-01-24.xlsx,” provides the workpapers demonstrating how the Company determined the WA Climate Act Fee and the WA Climate Act Credit. Below is a description of each tab in the attached workbook.

- Total CCA: An overview of the CCA costs and benefits within the workpapers
- CCA Breakdown: A detailed breakdown of the costs and benefits including the years in which they occurred

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- CCA Allocation: A descriptive apportionment of the CCA costs and benefits across rate schedules
- Monthly WA Climate Act Credit, 503 and 504: The calculations for determining the monthly credits for Schedules 503 and 504
- Customer Bill Impact: The bill impacts of the Schedule 700 WA Climate Act Fee and the WA Climate Act Credit
- Rev. Sensitivity Factor: The calculation for Cascade's Conversion Factor for Revenue Sensitive Costs
- 503 Cost, Benefit Amort: The interest and amortization calculations for costs and benefits for Schedule 503
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- 504 Benefit Amort, 505 Benefit Amort, 511 Benefit Amort, 570 Benefit Amort, 663 Benefit Amort: The interest and amortization calculations for CCA benefits for their respective schedules

All other pages are additional work papers that support the above information

Components of Filing

The following files are attached in support of this filing:

- NEW-CNGC-WA24-03-01-CLtr-03-01-24.pdf
- NEW-CNGC-WA24-03-01-Trf-03-01-24.pdf
- NEW-CNGC-WA24-03-01-WP-03-01-24.xlsx
- NEW-CNGC-WA24-03-01-Cust-Not-03-01-24.pdf

Conclusion

Cascade requests Schedule 700, become effective May 1, 2024. In support of its proposal, the Company has included its proposed Schedule 700, the customer notice, and workpapers. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (208) 377-6015 or Zach Harris at (208) 870-2476.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lori Blattner

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Attachments

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**TEMPORARY CLIMATE COMMITMENT ACT (CCA) RATE ADJUSTMENT
SCHEDULE NO. 700****AVAILABILITY**

This schedule is applicable to Schedule 503, 504, 505, 511, 570, and 663 customers with the exception of those customers identified in the Exemptions section below.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this schedule is to collect costs incurred and credit revenues received in compliance with the Climate Commitment Act (CCA) as codified in Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70A.65 and Chapter 173-446 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC).

LOW-INCOME RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

For the purpose of this adjustment schedule, a low-income residential customer is a customer who receives gas service on Schedule 503 customers and simultaneously is actively enrolled in the Cascade Arrearage Relief and Energy Savings (CARES) program as defined in Rule 20 and offered per Schedule 302, regardless of whether or not the CARES discount has been temporarily suspended for the application of a Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grant.

MONTHLY RATES**Table 1 – WA Climate Act Fee and WA Climate Act Credit**

Rate Schedule	WA Climate Act Fee	Maximum WA Climate Act Credit^{1, 2}
Schedule 503, Low-Income Residential Customers	\$0.35071 per therm	Credit will equal the customer's total monthly WA Climate Act Fee
Schedule 503, Residential (not including Low-Income Residential Customers)	\$0.35071 per therm	See the Monthly Credits listed in Table 2 Below
Schedule 504, General Commercial Customers	\$0.35217 per therm	See the Monthly Credits listed in Table 2 Below
Schedule 505, Industrial Customers	\$0.35217 per therm	(\$638.55) per month
Schedule 511, Large Volume Customers	\$0.35217 per therm	(\$3,784.62) per month
Schedule 570, Interruptible Gas Service Customers	\$0.35217 per therm	(\$6,973.01) per month
Schedule 663, Transportation Customers	\$0.35217 per therm	(\$38,762.35) per month

1. With the exception of Low-Income Residential customers, a customer receiving service at a site that was connected to natural gas after July 25, 2021, is not applicable to receive the WA Climate Act Credit.
2. The WA Climate Act Credit shall be the lesser of 80% of the WA Climate Act Fee as charged in the billing month or the maximum WA Climate Act Credit amount as listed in the table above.

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**TEMPORARY CLIMATE COMMITMENT ACT RATE ADJUSTMENT
SCHEDULE NO. 250****MONTHLY RATES (continued)****Table 2 – Non-Low-Income Residential and General Commercial WA Climate Act Credit**

	Maximum WA Climate Act Credit ¹										
	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March
Sch. 503, Residential ²	(\$7.74)	(\$5.27)	(\$4.53)	(\$4.48)	(\$5.67)	(\$14.03)	(\$24.25)	(\$32.70)	(\$31.98)	(\$26.94)	(\$21.71)
Sch. 504, General Commercial	(\$42.32)	(\$31.95)	(\$30.22)	(\$30.17)	(\$32.93)	(\$66.10)	(\$111.27)	(\$154.63)	(\$154.87)	(\$130.20)	(\$104.54)

1. The WA Climate Act Credit shall be the lesser of 80% of the WA Climate Act Fee as charged in the billing month or the maximum WA Climate Act Credit amount as listed in the table above.

TERM

These rates will be in effect until March 31, 2025.

EXEMPTIONS

1. With the exception of Low-Income Residential Customers, the WA Climate Act Credit will not be applicable to customers served on accounts where the gas service line and meter was installed after July 25, 2021. The installation of a gas service line and meter does not include maintenance or repairs to an existing service, relocated service lines, or where service was temporarily disconnected per WAC 480-90-128.
2. The following customers are exempt from the WA Climate Act Fee and WA Climate Act Credit established in this schedule if they notify the Company of their exempt status and provide evidence from Department of Ecology verifying that they should be exempt from this schedule:
 - a. Customers with emissions from facilities with North American Industry Classification System code 928110 (National Security).
 - b. Customers that are designated as covered entities by the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) as subject to RCW 70A.65.060 through 70A.65.210 as noted in RCW 70A.65.010(23).
 - c. Customers identified by Ecology as an Emissions-Intensive Trade-Exposed (EITE) under RCW 70A.65.110. It is the responsibility of the Customer to ensure that the Company has received such evidence of the Customer's status as an EITE.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The rates established herein are subject to increases as set forth in Schedule 500, Municipal Taxes.
2. Service under this adjustment schedule is governed by the terms and conditions outlined in this schedule, the Rules contained in this Tariff, any other applicable schedules, and all rules and regulation prescribed by regulatory authorities, subject to amendments from time to time.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC | WASHINGTON SERVICE AREA

On March 1, 2024, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation filed with Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) for approval to collect compliance charges and issue credits associated with the Climate Commitment Act (CCA). This filing has a requested effective date of May 1, 2024.

The CCA, passed by the Washington State legislature and codified by the Department of Ecology in WAC 173-445, implements a cap-and-invest program designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 95% of 1990 levels by 2050. The CCA imposes annual emissions reduction targets on industries, business, and utilities associated with carbon emissions.

If approved, Cascade's request would increase its revenues by approximately \$31.25 million to cover the costs of complying with the CCA. The WUTC will review this filing and has the authority to set final rates that may vary from Cascade's requests, either higher or lower, depending on the results of its investigation. If the WUTC approves all proposals, the total increase for a typical non-known-low-income residential customer at a dwelling that was connected to service before July 25, 2021, and using 55 therms per month, would be approximately \$2.83 or 3.69 percent. That would increase the average monthly bill from \$76.72 to \$79.55. Known-low-income customers receiving bill assistance on the Cascade Arrearage Relief and Energy Savings (CARES) program will experience no change in their monthly bill.

CARES bill payment assistance may be the resource you need to help you pay your monthly gas bill. You may apply for CARES assistance by completing an online application, calling a Community Action agency representative, or mailing Cascade a downloadable hardcopy application, available in English or Spanish. The information for each of these enrollment

methods can be found online at:

https://www.cngc.com/customer-service/low-income_assistance_programs/.

The proposed rate changes for residential, commercial, and industrial customers are as presented in the following table.

Customer Class	Current Monthly Bill	Proposed Monthly Difference	Proposed Bill Impact	Proposed Monthly Difference**	Proposed Bill Impact**
Known-Low-Income Residential (Sch. 503)	\$76.72	\$0	0%	\$0	0%
Non-Known-Low-Income Residential (Sch. 503)	\$76.72	\$2.83	3.69%	\$19.13	24.93%
Commercial (Sch. 504)	\$348.28	\$14.78	4.24%	\$95.62	27.45%
Industrial Firm (Sch. 505)	\$2,497.79	\$115.31	4.62%	\$753.86	30.18%
Com-IndDualSvc.(Sch.511)	\$14,209.95	\$634.23	4.46%	\$4,418.85	31.10%
Interruptible (Sch. 570)	\$24,600.66	\$1,460.29	5.94%	\$8,433.30	34.28%
Transport (Sch. 663)	\$8,372.34	\$7,354.14	87.84%	\$46,116.49	550.82%

**The bill impacts presented in the final two gray columns are for customers receiving service at sites that were connected to natural gas on or after July 25, 2021. Since the CCA seeks to incentivize the reduction of greenhouse gas emission, service accounts connected after July 25, 2021, do not receive a cost mitigating CCA credit.

The filing may be found on Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's website: www.cngc.com.

Hardcopies of the filings are available for inspection upon request.

For additional information, please call the Company at 888-522-1130 or write to:
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The Commission has the authority to set final rates. You can comment on the case by using the "Submit a Comment" feature at the Commission's website (www.utc.wa.gov) or by mailing a comment to:

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
 Post Office Box 47250
 Olympia, WA 98504-7250
 E-mail: comments@utc.wa.gov
 Telephone: 1-888-333-WUTC (9882)

Commission Staff will make a recommendation to the Commissioners at an open meeting which you may attend. You will have an opportunity to provide your comments at this meeting either in person or remotely. If you intend to listen or participate remotely, call 360-664-1234 at least a day before the open meeting for instructions and to sign in. You should also call this number if you plan to attend in person to verify that the case has not been rescheduled to a later open meeting date. The Commission's street address is 621 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey.

The WUTC is committed to providing reasonable accommodation for participants with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodation to participate in this open meeting, please contact the Commission at 1-888-333-9882 or email consumer@utc.wa.gov.

*Please include your name and mailing address, reference Cascade Natural Gas Corporation and Advice No. W24-03-01.



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El 1 de Marzo de 2024, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation presentó ante la Comisión de Transporte y Servicios Públicos de Washington (WUTC) la aprobación para cobrar cargos de cumplimiento y emitir créditos asociados con la Ley de Cumplimiento de Carbono (CCA). Esta presentación tiene una fecha de vigencia solicitada del 1 de mayo de 2024..

La CCA, aprobada por la legislatura del estado de Washington y codificada por el Departamento de Ecología en WAC 173-445, implementa un programa de limitación e inversión diseñado para reducir las emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero al 95% de los niveles de 1990 para 2050. La CCA impone emisiones anuales objetivos de reducción en industrias, negocios y servicios públicos asociados con las emisiones de carbono.

Si se aprueba, la solicitud de Cascade aumentaría sus ingresos en aproximadamente \$31,25 millones para cubrir los costos de cumplimiento de la CCA. El WUTC revisará esta presentación y tiene la autoridad para establecer tarifas finales que pueden variar de las solicitudes de Cascade, ya sea más altas o más bajas, dependiendo de los resultados de su investigación. Si el WUTC aprueba todas las propuestas, el aumento total para un cliente residencial típico de bajos ingresos no conocido en una vivienda que estaba conectada al servicio antes del 25 de julio de 2021 y que utiliza 55 termias por mes sería de aproximadamente \$2,83 o 3,69 por ciento. Eso aumentaría la factura mensual promedio de \$76,72 a \$79,55. Los clientes de bajos ingresos conocidos que reciben asistencia con las facturas en el programa Cascade Arrearage Relief and Energy Savings (CARES) no experimentarán ningún cambio en su factura mensual.

La asistencia para el pago de facturas de CARES puede ser el recurso que necesita para ayudarle a pagar su factura mensual de gas. Puede solicitar asistencia de CARES completando una solicitud en línea, llamando a un representante de la agencia de Acción Comunitaria o enviando por correo

a Cascade una solicitud impresa descargable, disponible en inglés o español. La información para cada uno de estos métodos de inscripción se puede encontrar en línea en: https://www.cngc.com/customer-service/low-income_assistance_programs/.

Los cambios de tarifas propuestos para clientes residenciales, comerciales e industriales se presentan en la siguiente tabla.

Clase de cliente	Factura mensual actual	Diferencia mensual propuesta	Impacto del proyecto de ley propuesto	Diferencia mensual propuesta**	Impacto del proyecto de ley propuesto**
Residencial de bajos ingresos conocido(Sch 503)	\$76.72	\$0	0%	\$0	0%
No conocido-de bajos ingresos Residencial (Sch. 503)	\$76.72	\$2.83	3.69%	\$19.13	24.93%
Comercial (Sch. 504)	\$348.28	\$14.78	4.24%	\$95.62	27.45%
Empresa Industrial (Sch.505)	\$2,497.79	\$115.31	4.62%	\$753.86	30.18%
Com-IndDual(Sic.(Sch.511))	\$14,209.95	\$634.23	4.46%	\$4,418.85	31.10%
Interrumpible (Sch.570)	\$24,600.66	\$1,460.29	5.94%	\$8,433.30	34.28%
Transporte (Sch. 663)	\$8,372.34	\$7,354.14	87.84%	\$46,116.49	550.82%

**Los impactos en las facturas presentados en las dos últimas columnas grises son para clientes que reciben servicio en sitios que estaban conectados al gas natural a partir del 25 de julio de 2021. Dado que la CCA busca incentivar la reducción de las emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero, las cuentas de servicio conectadas después 25 de julio de 2021, no recibirá un crédito CCA para mitigar costos.

La presentación se puede encontrar en el sitio web de Cascade Natural Gas Corporation: www.cngc.com.

Copias impresas de los empastes están disponibles para inspección previa solicitud.

Para obtener información adicional, llame a la Compañía al 888-522-1130 o escriba a: Cascade Natural Gas Corporation 8113 W. Grandridge Blvd Kennewick, WA 99336-7166

La Comisión tiene autoridad para fijar los tipos finales. Puede comentar sobre el caso utilizando la función "Enviar un comentario" en el sitio web de la Comisión (www.utc.wa.gov) o enviando un comentario por correo a:

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Post Office Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250
correo electrónico: comments@utc.wa.gov
Teléfono: 1-888-333-WUTC (9882)

El personal de la Comisión hará una recomendación a los Comisionados en una reunión abierta a la que usted podrá asistir. Tendrá la oportunidad de brindar sus comentarios en esta reunión, ya sea en persona o de forma remota. Si tiene la intención de escuchar o participar de forma remota, llame al 360-664-1234 al menos un día antes de la reunión abierta para recibir instrucciones y registrarse. También debe llamar a este número si planea asistir en persona para verificar que el caso no haya sido reprogramada para una fecha de reunión abierta posterior. La dirección de la Comisión es 621 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey.

El WUTC se compromete a proporcionar ajustes razonables para los participantes con discapacidades. Si necesita adaptaciones razonables para participar en esta reunión abierta, comuníquese con la Comisión al 1-888-333-9882 o envíe un correo electrónico a consumer@utc.wa.gov.

*Incluya su nombre y dirección postal, haga referencia a Cascade Natural Gas Corporation y el número de aviso W24-03-01..



Escanee para obtener más información

Servicio al Cliente: **888-522-1130**
7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Lunes – Viernes
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