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Oregon Public Utility Commission Attn: Filing Center P.O. Box 1088 Salem, OR 97308-1088

RE: NEW, Cascade Advice No. O25-10-02

Schedule 32, Oregon Low-Income Bill Assistance

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade or Company) submits the following revision to its Tariff P.U.C. OR No. 10, stated to become effective with service on and after November 14, 2025.

Third Revision of Sheet 32.2

The purpose of this filing is to remove the annual reporting requirement from Schedule 32, Oregon Low-income Bill Assistance (OLIBA) Program, which establishes Cascade's arrearage relief grant program. OLIBA annual reports have been filed in compliance with this tariff language in Docket RG 6 since 2011. Cascade requests removal of the annual reporting requirement from Schedule 32 because bill assistance programs have changed significantly in the past three years. Additionally, new reporting requirements established in OAR 860-021-0408 now make the Schedule 32 requirement outdated and unnecessary.

Cascade currently offers two complementary bill assistance programs, Energy Discount Program (EDP) and OLIBA. EDP offer four tiers of bill discounts to income-qualified customers. OLIBA provides arrearage relief grants to income-qualified customers who need additional help. Before the development of the EDP program in 2022, OLIBA offered traditional grants to income-qualified customers in lieu of a discount. When EDP was established as part of the Oregon Public Utility Commission's (Commission's) work in Docket UM 2211, Commission staff recommended reporting requirements in its Staff Report issued July 19, 2022, in Docket ADV 1409. The Commission later codified these reporting requirements in the Division 21 Oregon Administrative Rules per Order No. 25-148, issued in Docket AR 668. After the AR 668 rulemaking, Cascade filed Advice No. O24-06-01, docketed as ADV 1739, to remove the reporting requirements stated in Schedule 36, Energy Discount Program. The Commission approved Cascade's request.

Cascade believes the reporting requirement for Schedule 32 should be handled the same way as the requirement for the Energy Discount Program. Similar to the EDP reporting requirements, the OLIBA reporting requirement is now outdated and redundant, given the new Energy Burden Metric Reports (EBMR) required by OAR 860-021-0408. For these reasons, Cascade seeks to remove this ongoing annual reporting requirement.

Please direct any questions regarding this filing to Jennifer Gross at (509)-975-9473

Sincerely,

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Attachment

P.U.C. OR. No. 10

SCHEDULE 32 OREGON LOW-INCOME BILL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (OLIBA)

INCOME VERIFICATION

The Agencies may perform any income verification which will generally follow the established protocols for verifying income for LIHEAP except that citizenship and a name per each household member shall not be required.

AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

Each Agency will be reimbursed \$100 for each Company-approved OLIBA grant submission.

PROGRAM FUNDING

Program funding is provided per Schedule 31, Public Purpose Charge. Any amounts not disbursed in the program year will carry over to the next program year.

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