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Jeff Killip
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
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RE: NEW, Cascade Advice No. W25-09-02, CARES Cost Recovery

Director Killip

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation ("Cascade" or "Company") herewith submits to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission") the following revision to its Tariff WN U-3, stated to become effective with service on and after November 1, 2025:

Third Revision of Sheet No. 592

Cascade also requests to withdraw the following sheets:

Sixth Revision of Sheet No. 303
Seventh Revision of Sheet No. 303-A
Fourth Revision of Sheet No. 303-B
Eighth Revision of Sheet No. 593

The purpose of this filing is to revise Schedule 592, Cascade Arrearage Relief and Energy Savings ("CARES") Program Cost Recovery, to collect CARES program costs and to withdraw two tariff schedules related to Cascade's legacy bill assistance grant program: Schedule 303, Washington Energy Assistance Fund (WEAF) program and Schedule 593, Washington Energy Assistance Fund ("WEAF") Program Cost Recovery.

CARES

On October 1, 2023, Cascade implemented CARES which offers low-income customers one of five tiers of generous ongoing bill discounts as well as arrearage forgiveness grants that are applied to past due balances when needed. The tier of service a customer receives is contingent upon the customers' household income and the number of residents living in the customer's home.

In CARE's inaugural program year ("PY") of 2024-2025, Cascade enrolled about 6,000 customers into CARES, which is just over 10 percent of its estimated income-qualified customer base. In compliance with Order No.

01 issued in UG-240141, Cascade auto-enrolled enough customers to achieve 20 percent program penetration by December 31, 2024. In last year's CARES cost recovery filing (UG-240695), Cascade estimated that it would achieve a 30 percent program penetration rate by the end of PY 2024-2025. The Company is on track to achieve this goal with 16,918 customer enrolled, or 28 percent program penetration, as of July 31, 2025. For PY 2025-2026, Cascade anticipates achieving a 35 percent program penetration, which is conservative for the purpose of managing the forecasted program costs.

This filing seeks to collect a net amount of \$4,657,308 to recover forecasted 2024-2025 CARES PY costs. This amount is comprised of a \$9,331,452 estimated PY 2025-2026 budget less \$4,657,144 of deferred CARES revenues. A summary of the Company's PY 2025-2026 forecasted cost assumptions is provided in the tab, "CARES Costs" of the attached workpaper, "NEW CNGC-Advice-No.-25-09-02-CARES- WP-09-15-2025.pdf." This workpaper also includes the summary of deferred CARES costs as well as the proposed Schedule 592 CARES Cost Recovery billing rates on tabs "CARES Summary of Def. Accts" and "Cost Recovery and Rates," respectively.

Washington Energy Assistance Program Schedules

Cascade seeks to remove Schedule 303, Washington Energy Assistance Fund (WEAF) Program and Schedule 593, Washington Energy Assistance (WEAF) Program Cost Recovery from its Tariff, because both schedules are related to the legacy bill assistance program and are no longer needed. Schedule 593 rates were set to zero in Docket UG-240695.

Bill Impacts and Net Effect on Revenue

The CARES Cost Recovery rates are increasing for all customer classes, except for Schedule 505, Industrial Firm customers who will see a small decrease of approximately 0.3 percent. If this filing is approved, the average residential customer using 53 therms will experience an average monthly bill of \$104.04, which is an increase of \$0.03 or 0.03 percent. The average commercial customer using 277 therms will have an average monthly bill of \$496.96, which is an increase of \$0.03 or 0.01 percent. Bill impacts for all customer classes are provided on the "Rate Impact" tab of the workpaper, "NEW CNGC-Advice-No.-25-09-02-CARES-WP-09-15-2025.pdf."

The changes proposed in this filing will affect all of Cascade's Washington customers. Cascade serves approximately 205,693 residential, 27,641 commercial and 492 industrial customers in the state of Washington. If approved, this filing will increase Cascade's net revenues by \$295,104 or 0.06 percent.

Customer Notice

In compliance with WAC 480-90-194(3), the Company will mail customers a bill insert notifying them of the proposed rate increase. The issuance of bill inserts to customers will begin on September 15, ending October 15. In addition, Cascade will publish on its webpage the anticipated rate increase, provide copies of the notice to Community Action agencies and organizations within its service territory, and provide notice to the news media. The Company has provided a copy of the bill insert in Advice No. W25-09-01.

FILING

This electronically submitted advice filing is comprised of the following files:

- NEW CNGC-Advice-No.-25-09-02-CARES-CLtr-09-15-2025.pdf
- NEW CNGC-Advice-No.-25-09-02-CARES-Trf-09-15-2025.pdf
- NEW CNGC-Advice-No.-25-09-02-CARES-WP-09-15-2025.xlsx

Please direct any questions regarding this filing to me at (208) 377-6015 or Jennifer Gross at (509) 975-9473 or jennifer.gross@cngc.com.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

SCHEDULE 592**CASCADE ARREARAGE RELIEF ENERGY SAVINGS (CARES) PROGRAM COST RECOVERY****PURPOSE**

This adjustment schedule collects or refunds the CARES Program deferral balance, authorized per UG-230243, in accordance with the parameters established in Rule 20 and Schedule 302.

APPLICABILITY

This adjustment schedule applies to the following rate schedules: 503, 504, 505, 511, 570, and 663

ADJUSTMENT TO RATE

The Company will file for an annual adjustment to this schedule to ensure that forecast collections do not exceed forecast program year expenditures, taking into account carryover funds.

ADJUSTMENT RATE

The following adjustment rates will apply on a per therm basis for each rate schedule, effective on November 1, 2025, as listed in the table below:

Rate Schedule	Forecasted CARES Cost Recovery Rate	Amortized Balance Cost Recovery Rate	Total Billing Rate
503	\$0.03307	(\$0.01657)	\$0.01650
504	\$0.02373	(\$0.01189)	\$0.01184
505	\$0.01530	(\$0.00766)	\$0.00764
511	\$0.01114	(\$0.00558)	\$0.00556
570	\$0.01262	(\$0.00632)	\$0.00630
663	\$0.00240	(\$0.00120)	\$0.00120
900	\$0.00240	(\$0.00120)	\$0.00120

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GENERAL TERMS

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 regulations prescribed by regulatory authorities, subject to amendments from time to time.

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Issued by CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATIONBy: 

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