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RE: NEW, Cascade Advice No. W25-09-06, Participatory Intervenor Funding

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 1, 2025.

Thirty-First Revision Sheet No. 2-A  
Original Sheet No. 557

#### Overview

The purpose of this filing is to introduce a Schedule 557, Participatory Intervenor Funding Adjustment, which imposes a new per therm charge to all customers. The Schedule 557 rate is designed to collect the participatory intervenor costs incurred pursuant to RCW 80.28.430, Commission Order No. 3, and "Policy Statement on Participatory Funding for Regulatory Proceedings," issued in Docket U-210595. The Table of Contents is also revised to add reference to the new adjustment schedule.

#### Background

RCW 80.28.430 provides statutory authority for energy utilities to provide financial assistance to certain organizations participating in regulatory processes before the Commission. The statute requires a gas or electrical company to enter into one or more written funding agreements with organizations that represent broad customer interests in regulatory proceedings before the Commission.

In response to RCW 80.28.430, on November 19, 2021, the Commission issued a policy statement in Docket U-210595 entitled "Policy Statement on Participatory Funding for Regulatory Proceedings" (Policy Statement).

On February 14, 2022, Joint Parties<sup>1</sup> filed a petition in Docket U-210595 requesting approval of an Interim Agreement that was established by the Joint Parties. The Commission heard the matter at an open meeting held on February 24, 2022, and approved the agreement with modifications in Order 01 in that docket.

In its Policy Statement, the Commission set the initial level of funding for Cascade at \$265,512 for the first year.<sup>2</sup> The Interim Agreement and Order 01 maintained this level of funding.<sup>3</sup> RCW 80.28.430 (3) provides that the Commission shall allow a utility to defer the amount of financial assistance provided if the utility so elects. Following approval of the Interim Agreement, Cascade filed a petition seeking an accounting order authorizing the accounting treatment for financial assistance distributed under the Interim Agreement. The Commission granted Cascade's petition by way of Order 01 in Docket UG-220706.

On December 20, 2022, the Joint Parties filed with the Commission a petition seeking an order authorizing approval of the Extended Agreement. Much of the Extended Agreement remains unchanged from the Interim Agreement. The Extended Agreement has a two-year term, terminating on December 31, 2024. On February 9, 2023, the Commission issued Order 02 approving the Extended Agreement subject to the removal of paragraph 7.9, which pre-approved accounting treatment for the duration of the Interim Agreement. The Commission also clarified "that the current deferrals granted pertain only to funds distributed in 2022 and are not ongoing, so either new or amended petitions must be filed for funds distributed under the Extended Agreement". Based on Order 02 as described above, Cascade petitioned the Commission for an Amended Accounting Order, granting the Company to defer costs associated with providing financial assistance under the Extended Agreement. The Commission issued Order 02 December 12, 2023.

On April 11, 2025, The Commission issued Order 03 in Docket UG-210595 approving the third Participatory Funding Agreement.

#### Workpaper

Schedule 557 seeks to recover \$247,956 or an increase in annual revenue of 0.08 percent in participatory intervenor costs that were deferred for the time period of December 2022 through October 2025. A workpaper showing the deferred costs and the allocation of costs into the Schedule 557 rate is provided in the attached file, "NEW-CNGC-Advice-No.-W25-09-06-WP-09-15-2025.xlsx."

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<sup>1</sup> Puget Sound Energy ("PSE"), Avista Corporation ("Avista"), PacifiCorp, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation ("Cascade"), Northwest Natural Gas ("NW Natural"), Alliance of Western Energy Consumers ("AWEC"), NW Energy Coalition ("NVEC"), The Energy Project ("TEP"), Sierra Club, Front & Centered, and Spark Northwest

<sup>2</sup> Docket U-210595, Policy Statement on Participatory Funding for Regulatory Proceedings, paragraph 49 page 15.

<sup>3</sup> WUTC Order 01, Attachment A, issued in Docket U-210595, page 4.

Term

The rate is designed to recover deferred costs within 12 months. Since participatory intervenor costs are ongoing in nature, the Company intends to update the Schedule 557 rate annually concurrently with the purchased gas adjustment filing. The annual filing will true-up any over- or under-collection that occurred in the prior year.

Bill Impacts

The changes proposed in this filing will affect all of Cascade's Washington. Cascade serves approximately 205,693 residential, 27,641 commercial and 492 industrial customers in the state of Washington.

The annual revenue change reflected in this filing is an increase of \$247,956 to customers, or an increase in annual revenue of 0.08 percent.

A residential customer using 53 therms per month, the Schedule 557 charge will result in an average monthly bill increase of \$0.04 or 0.04 percent. The bill impact for all customer classes is provided in the Table 1 below.

*Table 1 - Bill Impacts*

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Current Monthly Bill</b>	<b>Proposed Monthly Difference</b>	<b>Proposed Rate Per Therm</b>	<b>Proposed Bill Impact</b>
Residential (503)	\$104.01	\$0.04	\$0.00074	0.04%
Industrial (505)	\$3,370.72	\$0.35	\$0.00017	0.01%
Large Volume (511)	\$22,931.87	\$2.39	\$0.00017	0.01%
Interruptible (570)	\$37,389.77	\$4.25	\$0.00017	0.01%
Transportation (663/900)	\$98,695.90	\$62.75	\$0.00017	0.06%

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. 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 will provide a copy of the bill insert in a separate filing, Advice No. W25-09-01.

Table of Contents

Cascade is updating its Table of Contents to include reference to Schedule 557, Participatory Intervenor Funding Adjustment. Cascade is also removing reference to Schedule 303, Washington Energy Assistance Fund (WEAF) program and Schedule 593, Washington Energy Assistance Fund ("WEAF") Program Cost Recovery as both schedules are for the Company's legacy bill assistance program. Cascade is requesting to remove the associated sheets in W25-09-02, Cascade's CARES

Cost Recovery filing submitted concurrently with this filing, on September 15, 2025. Since Cascade is adding a reference to Schedule 557 to the Table of Contents in this filing, it is using the opportunity to also remove the references to Schedules 303 and 593.

Filing Components

This electronic filing is comprised of the following files:

- NEW-CNGC-Advice-No.-W25-09-06-CLtr-09-15-2025.pdf
- NEW-CNGC-Advice-No.-W25-09-06-Trf-09-15-2025.pdf
- NEW-CNGC-Advice-No.-W25-09-06-WP-09-15-2025.xlsx

Please direct any questions regarding this filing to me at (208) 377-6015 or Zach Harris at (208) 870-2476.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Lori Blattner*

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**SCHEDULE NO. 557  
PARTICIPATORY INTERVENOR FUNDING ADJUSTMENT**

**PURPOSE**

This adjustment collects the participatory intervenor costs incurred pursuant to RCW 80.28.430, and Commission Order No. 3 and Policy Statement, both of which were issued in Docket U-210595

**APPLICABILITY**

This adjustment schedule applies to the following rate schedules: 503, 504, 505, 511, 570, 663, and 900.

**ADJUSTMENT RATE**

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

<b>RATE SCHEDULE</b>	<b>ADJUSTMENT RATE (PER THERM)</b>
503	\$0.00074
505	\$0.00017
511	\$0.00017
570	\$0.00017
663	\$0.00017
900	\$0.00017

**SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

The rates named herein are subject to increases as set forth in Schedule No. 500, Municipal Taxes.

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November 1, 2025

**Issued by CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION**

By:



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