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October 31, 2025

Jeff Killip
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
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RE: NEW, Advice No. W25-10-01, Schedule 520, Provisional Plant Rate Adjustment

Director Killip,

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

First Revision of Sheet No. 520

#### Overview

The purpose of this filing is to revise Schedule 520, Provisional Plant Rate Adjustment to refund customers for an overcollection of revenues related to forecasted provisional plant costs that Cascade did not incur in 2024. The overcollection is \$731,884 and occurred over the timeframe of March 5, 2025, to May 31, 2025. This filing seeks to apply a temporary credit to customers' bills that will reduce revenues by \$731,884 beginning on December 1, 2025, and ending November 30, 2026.

## **Background**

On April 30, 2024, Cascade submitted Advice No. W25-04-01, docketed as UG-250307, to establish Schedule 520, Provisional Plant Rate Adjustment. Per Commission Order No. 05 issued in Docket UG-240008, Cascade's most recent multi-year rate plan ("MYRP"), the Commission authorized the inclusion of \$97,736,858 into rate base for the recovery of plant forecasted to be in service in 2024. The forecasted plant was considered provisional, subject to being placed in service and a prudence review. Based on the Company's Annual Provisional Plant Report, filed in Docket UG-240008 on April 30, 2025, the actual amount of plant placed in service in 2024 was \$67,984,747, which resulted in a revenue requirement reduction of \$3,710,322. That revenue requirement reduction was incorporated into customer bills as a credit beginning June 1, 2025. In the May 22, 2025, Open Meeting, the Commission allowed the changes of Docket UG-250307 to become effective per the No Action agenda.

The filing in Docket UG-250307 did not address the overcollection that began with the March 5, 2025, effective date of the approved MYRP rates and ended on May 31, 2025. This filing seeks to address that overcollection.

#### Refund

The \$731,884 overcollection will be applied as a credit to customers' bills for the timeframe December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2026, as shown in Table 1 below. At the end of the term, Cascade will place the residual balance into a similar deferral account that is amortized for collection from the same class of customers. The Company has reserved the \$731,884 refund in Account 229 Accumulated Provision for Rate Refunds and will move it to Account 254 Other Regulatory Liabilities if this filing is approved.

Table 1 – Proposed Temporary Per Therm Credit

Customer Class	Proposed Temporary Per Therm Credit
Residential (RS 503)	-\$0.00247
Commercial (RS 504)	-\$0.00188
Industrial (RS 505)	-\$0.00120
Large Volume (RS 511)	-\$0.00099
Interruptible (RS 570)	-\$0.00067
Transportation (RS 663)	-\$0.00021

#### **Bill Impacts**

The proposed changes to Schedule 520 will be applicable to all rate classes, impacting 234,165 customers. The proposed impact to an average residential customer using 53 therms per month will be a decrease of \$0.13 or 0.14% as shown in Table 2 below. The average bill impacts for other customer classes are provided in Table 2 below.

Table 2 – Average Bill Impacts

Customer Class	Current Monthly Bill	Proposed Monthly Difference	Proposed Bill Impact
Residential (RS 503)	\$90.85	-\$0.13	-0.14%
Commercial (RS 504)	\$424.13	-\$0.52	-0.12%
Industrial (RS 505)	\$2,806.81	-\$2.46	-0.09%
Large Volume (RS 511)	\$18,456.63	-\$13.91	-0.08%
Interruptible (RS 570)	\$30,157.57	-\$16.73	-0.06%
Transportation (RS 663)	\$98,965.38	-\$77.52	-0.08%

Cascade is not providing customers with a bill insert about the proposed changes in this filing since RCW 480-90-194 only requires notices for rate increases, and this filing, if approved, will result in a bill reduction for all customers.

A Certificate of Service is attached stating that parties to Docket UG-240008 were provided notice of this filing.

This electronic filing is comprised of the following files:

- NEW-CNGC-Advice-No.-W25-10-01-Sch-520-CLtr-10-31-2025.pdf
- NEW-CNGC-Advice-No.-W25-10-01-Sch-520-Trf-10-31-2025.pdf
- NEW-CNGC-Advice-No.-W25-10-01-Sch-520-COS-10-31-2025.pdf
- NEW-CNGC-Advice-No.-W25-10-01-Sch-520-WP-10-31-2025.xlsx

Please direct any questions to me at (701) 222-7855 or Jacob Darrington at (208) 377-6041.

Sincerely,

/s/ Travis Jacobson

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's Advice No. W25-10-01 filing to all parties of record in WUTC Docket UG-240008 by via electronic transmission mail, which seeks to revise Schedule 520, Provisional Plant Rate Adjustment., to the following:

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Dated at Kennewick, Washington, this 31st day of October 2025.

> /s/ Maryalice Gresham Maryalice Gresham Regulatory Affairs Manager I **Cascade Natural Gas Corporation**

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# SCHEDULE 520 PROVISIONAL PLANT RATE ADJUSTMENT

#### **PURPOSE**

This schedule adjusts provisionally approved rates, subject to refund, approved in the Company's most recent multi-year rate plan.

#### **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:

Rate Schedule	Per Therm	<b>Temporary Refund</b>	<b>Total Per Therm</b>
Rate Schedule	Adjustment Rate	Per Therm	Rate
503	-\$0.01354	-\$0.00247	-\$0.01601
504	-\$0.01026	-\$0.00188	-\$0.01214
505			
First 500 therms	-\$0.00789	-\$0. 00120	-\$0.00909
Next 3,500 terms	-\$0.00653	-\$0. 00120	-\$0.00773
Over 4,000 therms	-\$0.00633	-\$0. 00120	-\$0.00753
511			
First 20,000 therms	-\$0.00569	-\$0. 00099	-\$0.00668
Next 80,000 therms	-\$0.00447	-\$0. 00099	-\$0.00546
Over 100,000 therms	-\$0.00143	-\$0. 00099	-\$0.00242
570			
First 30,000 therms	-\$0.00341	-\$0. 00067	-\$0.00408
Over 30,000 therms	-\$0.00128	-\$0. 00067	-\$0.00195
663/900			
First 100,000 therms	-\$0.00323	-\$0.00021	-\$0.00344
Next 200,000 therms	-\$0.00131	-\$0.00021	-\$0.00152
Next 200,000 therms	-\$0.00088	-\$0.00021	-\$0.00109
Over 500,000 therms	-\$0.00053	-\$0.00021	-\$0.00074

## **TERM**

The Temporary Refund rate will expire on and after November 30, 2026.

#### **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 CORPORATION

By: laws pushin Travis Jacobson

Vice President, Regulatory Affairs