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Oregon Public Utility Commission
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Re: UM 2211 Investigation into Implementation OF HB 2475

On December 22, 2021, Oregon Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) Staff (“Staff”) issued a letter to the UM 2211 stakeholders containing a proposed process and baseline evaluation criteria for HB 2475 interim action by the six investor-owned, regulated Oregon utilities. Staff requested comments by January 10, 2022, and on January 31, 2022, identified three separate workflows emerging from interim action. In terms of process, Staff proposed that natural gas utilities submit requests for additional authorizations or tariff changes to ensure these bill assistance opportunities remain available to their customers by February 28, 2022. To the extent a natural gas utility finds they have existing offerings and tariffs that meet this criterion, Staff advised each utility to engage stakeholders for feedback and submit a letter to the Commission under Docket No. UM 2211 expressing its intentions and rationale by February 28, 2022.

On February 1, 2022, under ADV 1367, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (“Cascade” or “Company”) submitted revisions to its Tariff P.U.C. Or. No. 10 stated to become effective with service on and after March 9, 2022. The proposed revisions will provide increased resources to aid customers most in need of billing assistance and will provide a bridge until a new energy burden discount program proposal that addresses HB 2475 is implemented no later than Q4 2022.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (509) 734-4549.

Sincerely,

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