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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

PUC Filing Center  
Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
PO Box 1088  
Salem, OR 97308-1088

**Re: UG 287 - In the Matter of CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION, Request for  
a General Rate Revision**

Attention Filing Center:

Attached for filing in the above-captioned docket is Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's Affidavit of Pamela J. Archer Regarding Notice of Cascade's General Rate Revision and a Request for Limited Waiver of OAR 860-022-0017.

Please contact this office with any questions.

Very truly yours,

Wendy McIndoo  
Office Manager

Enclosures

cc: Service List

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON

UG 287

In the Matter of  
CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION  
Application for a General Rate Revision.

AFFIDAVIT OF PAMELA J. ARCHER  
REGARDING NOTICE OF CASCADE'S  
GENERAL RATE REVISION

I, Pamela J. Archer, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and say:

1. My full name is Pamela J. Archer. I am a Supervisor, Regulatory Analysis with Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade or Company).
2. Cascade filed an application for a general rate revision with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon on March 31, 2015, docket UG 287.
3. In accordance with OAR 860-022-0017, Cascade provided notice of its application for a general rate revision by causing to be published a display announcement on April 15, 2015 in the Baker City Herald, the Bend Bulletin, the LaGrande Observer, and the Ontario Argus Observer. The display announcement size was 3 columns wide by 10 inches tall. A copy of the display announcement is attached as Exhibit A.
4. Cascade attempted to publish notice in the East Oregonian and the Pendleton Record on April 15, 2015. Due to administrative error, Cascade did not meet the publication deadline to provide notice on April 15, 2015, and published notice one day later, on April 16, 2015.
5. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

SIGNED this 24 day of April, 2015 at Kennewick, Washington.

Signed: Pamela J. Archer

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 24 day of April, 2015.

TRUDY ALLEN SMITH  
Notary Public  
State of Washington  
My Commission Expires  
September 01, 2016

Trudy Allen Smith  
Notary Public, State of WASHINGTON  
My Commission Expires 9-1-2016

Exhibit A to Affidavit of Pamela J. Archer

**Cascade Natural Gas files natural gas increase request in Oregon**

The purpose of this announcement is to provide Cascade Natural Gas customers with general information about the company's proposals and their effects on its customers. Calculations and statements within this announcement are not binding on the Oregon Public Utility Commission.

Cascade Natural Gas filed a natural gas rate increase request with the Oregon Public Utility Commission on March 31, 2015. If approved, it would increase residential customers' monthly bill by an average of \$1.88 a month.

The main reason for the rate increase request is to recover the cost of the increased investment in natural gas facilities to ensure safe and reliable service. The projected 2015 year-end total gross investment by Cascade for Oregon natural gas operations is \$193 million, compared with \$41 million in 1988 when the last general rate case was filed.

The proposed increase is for \$3.6 million annually over current rates, or a 5.11 percent overall increase. Cascade serves about 68,000 customers in 25 Oregon communities.

The proposed increase for each rate class, which is based on rate class studies, is:

- Residential 3.48 percent
- Commercial 5.98 percent
- Industrial 6.78 percent

Copies of the rate case filing are available for inspection at Cascade's main and district offices. For additional information, the company can be reached at:

8113 W. Grandridge Blvd  
Kennewick, WA 99336-7166  
Phone: 888-522-1130

Additional information about the rate case filing can also be found on the company's website: [www.cngc.com](http://www.cngc.com).

The Oregon Public Utility Commission can be reached at:

PO Box 1088  
Salem, OR 97308-1088  
Phone: 800-522-2404

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UG 287

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Application for a General Rate Revision.

REQUEST FOR LIMITED WAIVER  
OF OAR 860-022-0017

1 In accordance with OAR 860-022-0000(2), Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade  
2 or Company) requests that the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) approve  
3 Cascade's request for a limited waiver with respect to the time for providing notice to customers  
4 of its application for a general rate revision. In support its request for waiver, Cascade states as  
5 follows:

6 1. Cascade filed an application for a general rate increase with the Commission on  
7 March 31, 2015.

8 2. In accordance with OAR 860-022-0017, Cascade provided notice of its  
9 application for a general rate revision by causing to be published a display announcement on  
10 April 15, 2015 in the Baker City Herald, the Bend Bulletin, the LaGrande Observer, and the  
11 Ontario Argus Observer, and on April 16, 2015 in the East Oregonian and Pendleton Record.

12 3. Per OAR 860-022-0017(1), notice of the general rate increase must be provided  
13 to customers within 15 days of the Company's filing, or by April 15, 2015.

14 4. Cascade timely provided notice to the communities in the distribution area of the  
15 Baker City Herald, the Bend Bulletin, the LaGrande Observer, and the Ontario Argus Observer.

16 5. Due to administrative error, the Company missed a publication deadline, causing  
17 the notice to be published in the East Oregonian and the Pendleton Record on April 16, 2015—  
18 one day late.

1           6.       The Company regrets the error, and requests that the Commission waive the  
2 requirement to provide notice within 15 days as provided in the OAR 860-022-0017(1) with  
3 respect to the communities in the distribution area of the East Oregonian and the Pendleton  
4 Record on the basis that: (1) Cascade substantially complied with OAR 860-022-0017, and (2)  
5 the one day delay of publication was the result of administrative error.

6           The Company respectfully requests that the Commission approve a limited waiver of  
7 OAR 860-022-0017.

DATED: April 24, 2015

**MCDOWELL RACKNER & GIBSON PC**



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