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May 6, 2015

Oregon Public Utility Commission
P.O. Box 1088
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RE: Cascade Natural Gas Corporation 2014 Integrated Resource Plan
(LC-059)

Attention: Filing Center

Subsequent to recent discussions with Commission Staff in regards to a medical emergency, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation respectfully requests an extension of the filing deadline for the upcoming Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) from May 29, 2015 to July 17, 2015.

The medical emergency has disrupted the timing of Cascade providing the draft narrative and supporting documentation for the SENDOUT Supply Side Resources and the Resource Optimization sections of the 2014 IRP.

Attached is the proposed work plan and schedule based on the requested extension being granted.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Brian Robertson at (509) 734-4546 or myself at (509) 734-4589. Alternatively, we may be reached at brian.robertson@cngc.com and mark.sellers-vaughn@cngc.com.

Sincerely,
CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION

Mark Sellers-Vaughn
Manager, Supply Resource Planning

Enclosures

In the Community to Serve

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

DOCKET NO: ORDER 14-054 (LC-59)

1 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
2 OF)
3 CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION)
4 FOR AN ORDER EXTENDING THE)
5 INTEGRATION PLAN FILING DATE)

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8 Pursuant to ORS Chapter 757 and in accordance with OAR Chapter 860,
9 Cascade Natural Gas Corporation ("Cascade" or "Company") petitions the Oregon
10 Public Utilities Commission to extend the deadline for filing of the
11 Company's Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") to July 17, 2015. Please direct
12 all correspondence regarding the Petition to the following:

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9 The Company is required by OAR 860-027-0400(3) to file its Integrated
10 Resource Plan within two years after the date the previous plan was
11 acknowledged. Cascade's 2011 Integrated Resource Plan was acknowledged by
12 Order 12-342 on August 14, 2012. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation previously
13 requested and received an extension of its 2014 Integrated Resource Plan from
14 the August 14, 2014 deadline to February 11, 2015. The extension was
15 requested in order to allow additional time for Cascade to develop, document,
16 build, test and ultimately implement a new demand forecast methodology and
17 model to provide more load demand granularity to its SENDOUT supply resource
18 analysis and preferred portfolio analyses. On July 30, 2014 Cascade Natural
19 Gas Corporation requested and received an extension of its 2014 Integrated
20 Resource Plan from March 15, 2015 to May 29, 2015. The extension was
21 requested in order to give Cascade sufficient time to address additional
22 elements to Cascades forecast model/methodology.
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24 A medical emergency has caused a halt in Cascade's current progress to
25 finalize the draft narrative and supporting documentation for the SENDOUT
26 Supply Side Resources and the Resource Optimization sections of the 2014 IRP.
27 The employee with the medical emergency is a key component to finalizing the
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1 remaining items of the 2014 IRP. Cascade respectfully requests that the IRP
2 filing be extended sufficiently to complete the tasks described above.

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4 Consequently, Cascade petitions the Oregon Public Utilities Commission
5 to extend the deadline for filing of the Company's Integrated Resource Plan
6 ("IRP") to July 17, 2015. OAR 860-027-0400 contemplates that the Commission
7 may, by order, extend the prescribed filing date for good cause. The Company
8 believes the forgoing application will be beneficial to the stakeholders and
9 is in the public interest.

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11 Attached is the proposed work plan and schedule based on the requested
12 extension being granted.

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14 If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at
15 (509) 734-4589 or via email at mark.sellers-vaughn@cngc.com.

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17 DATED: May 6, 2015.

18 Sincerely,

19 CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION

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22 Mark Sellers-Vaughn

23 Manager, Supply Resource Planning

24 Enclosures
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Date	Reason	Location
Tuesday, June 24, 2014	TAG 1: Process, Key Assumptions (IRP Team, Timeline, Highlights Most Recent IRPs, Latest Economic Indicators, Price Forecast and Demand Forecast Methodology and High Level Presentation of 20 Yr Forecast)	Portland Airport Conference Center
Tuesday, September 02, 2014	Distribute Supplemental Forecast #1	
Tuesday, September 16, 2014	Workshop #1: Open discussion and live walk through of the forecast model	Portland Airport Conference Center
Tuesday, November 11, 2014	Distribute Supplemental Forecast #2	
Thursday, November 20, 2014	Workshop #2: Open discussion and live walk through of the forecast model	Portland Airport Conference Center
Wednesday, November 26, 2014	Create TAG #2/Workshop #3 Presentation	
Wednesday, November 26, 2014	Approve TAG #2/Workshop #3 Presentation	
Wednesday, November 26, 2014	Distribute TAG #2/Workshop #3 Presentation	
Tuesday, December 02, 2014	Workshop #3: Open discussion and live walk through of the forecast model	Portland Airport Conference Center
Wednesday, December 10, 2014	Deliver Draft Avoided Cost Calc to Conservation	
Wednesday, December 10, 2014	Engineering 3 YR Outlook Deliver Draft Avoided Cost Calc to Conservation	
Wednesday, December 10, 2014	Conservation Study/Presentation	
Monday, December 29, 2014	Create Tag #2 Presentation	
Friday, January 2, 2015	Approve Tag #2 Presentation	
Friday, January 2, 2015	Distribute Tag #2 Presentation	
Tuesday, January 13, 2015	TAG 2: (Drilling down into the segments of 20 Yr. Demand Forecast, Current Supply Resources,)	Portland Airport Conference Center
Tuesday, January 20, 2015	Economic Resource Optimization (Sendout)	
Tuesday, January 27, 2015	Review and Approve Resource Optimization	
Tuesday, February 10, 2015	Create TAG #3 Presentation	
Thursday, February 12, 2015	Approve TAG #3 Presentation	
Thursday, February 12, 2015	Distribute TAG #3 Presentation	
Thursday, February 19, 2015	TAG 3: Conservation, Current Supply Resource	Portland Airport Conference Center
Monday, February 27, 2015	Work begins on IRP Draft (conservation and system overview, supply resources)	
Tuesday, March 25, 2015	Create TAG #4 Presentation	
Thursday, March 27, 2015	Approve TAG #4 Presentation	
Thursday, March 27, 2015	Distribute TAG #4 Presentation	
Wednesday, April 1, 2015	TAG 4: Transport Issues, Alternative Resources, SENDOUT Scenarios, Avoided	Portland Airport Conference Center

	Costs, Price Forecast	
Thursday, June 2, 2015	Create TAG #5 Presentation	
Thursday, June 2, 2015	Approve TAG #5 Presentation	
Thursday, June 2, 2015	Distribute TAG #5 Presentation	
Tuesday, June 9, 2015	TAG 5: Integration Results, Distribution Enhancements, Update on 2 Year Plan	Portland Airport Conference Center
Friday, June 12, 2015	Internal Approval of IRP Draft	
Friday, June 19, 2015	Draft of IRP distributed	
Friday, July 3, 2015	Comments due on draft from all stakeholders	
Monday, July 6, 2015	Update IRP per all stakeholder Comments	
Thursday, July 9, 2015	IRP Internal Review	
Friday, July 17, 2015	IRP filing (OR and WA) combined/concurrent single document	