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Cascade Natural Gas Corporation Requests a Decrease in Natural Gas Rates in Oregon.

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Cascade Natural Gas Corporation announced today that it has filed a Purchase Gas Adjustment (PGA) with the Oregon Public Utility Commission to reflect the decline in the wholesale price of natural gas. The request would save residential customers 12.41 percent on their natural gas bills.

“We are pleased that wholesale natural gas prices have remained lower than last year, which allows Cascade to offer our Oregon customers a double-digit rate decrease,” said Jon Stoltz, Senior Vice President of Regulatory & Gas Supply of Cascade.

A typical residential customer using 52 therms a month can expect a reduction of \$9.24 on their monthly bill or \$111 in savings for usage over a 12-month period. A commercial customer using an average of 248 therms a month can expect a decrease of \$42.04 on their monthly bill or \$504 in savings for usage over a 12-month period. This represents a rate reduction of 14.27 percent for commercial customers.

A PGA is a mechanism designed to pass the actual costs of gas supplies to customers. The proposed rate reduction is expected to go into effect on Nov. 1, 2009.

Cascade Natural Gas is a natural gas distribution company serving approximately 252,000 residential, commercial, industrial and transportation customers in 95 communities in Washington and Oregon. Cascade is a subsidiary of MDU Resources Group, Inc., a multidimensional natural resources enterprise traded on the New York Stock Exchange as “MDU.” For more information about MDU Resources, visit the company’s Web site at www.mdu.com. For more information about Cascade, visit www.cngc.com.

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