

CORPORACION DE GAS NATURAL CASCADA

Hoja de Revisión Undécima No. 25

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REGLA 21**MECANISMO DE DESacoplamiento****OBJETIVO :**

Esta Regla describe el Mecanismo de Desacoplamiento de ingresos por Cliente que aplica anualmente un crédito o débito por termia según el Anexo 594, "Ajuste del Mecanismo de Desacoplamiento" a las facturas de los Clientes aplicables con el fin de compensar la diferencia anual entre los Ingresos por Margen y el Margen Autorizado. Ingresos por Cliente atendido según se define en este documento.

APLICABILIDAD :

Esta Regla es aplicable a todos los Clientes atendidos en los Anexos 503, 504, 505, 511 y 570.

INGRESOS DE MARGEN

Los ingresos por margen son la cantidad de margen facturado en un mes de facturación, ajustado por los ingresos por margen no facturados. Los ingresos por margen no incluyen los montos facturados por el cargo básico al cliente ni los programas de ajuste, como los programas 500, 581, 582, 590, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597 y 598.

MARGEN AUTORIZADO DE INGRESOS POR CLIENTE

El Margen Autorizado mensual por cliente se establece en las tablas siguientes.

	503	504	505	511	570
Enero	\$35.76	\$148.20	\$578.56	\$3,761.29	\$2,205.48
Febrero	\$29.09	\$122.07	\$503.46	\$3,442.57	\$2,224.48
Marzo	\$24.67	\$96.80	\$502.82	\$3,346.34	\$1,988.22
Abril	\$16.09	\$61.86	\$433.21	\$3,193.43	\$1,990.59
Puede	\$10.31	\$43.03	\$272.13	\$1,909.68	\$1,645.52
Junio	\$6.60	\$29.53	\$243.07	\$1,855.34	\$1,273.76
Julio	\$5.40	\$30.55	\$214.56	\$1,599.54	\$1,085.46
Agosto	\$5.41	\$30.61	\$189.32	\$1,297.22	\$1,055.63
Septiembre	\$6.55	\$39.67	\$235.83	\$1,295.93	\$997.25
Octubre	\$14.96	\$72.53	\$378.59	\$1,549.68	\$938.29
Noviembre	\$28.21	\$109.96	\$326.54	\$1,802.95	\$1,774.60
Diciembre	\$36.58	\$141.21	\$508.91	\$2,867.06	\$2,186.18

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**RULE 21
DECOUPLING MECHANISM (Continued)**

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DECOUPLING CALCULATION:

On a monthly basis the Company will perform the following steps separately for each customer class that is applicable to the rate adjustment in this Rule:

- 1) Record Number of Customers per Customer Class
- 2) Determine Actual Margin Revenues
- 3) Determined Authorized Revenue by multiplying the number of Customers per Customer class (No. 1 above) times the Authorized Revenue for the corresponding month per Customer class as established in Tables 1 & 2 above.
- 4) Determine then record the Deferral Amount by subtracting the Authorized Margin Revenue (No. 3 above) from Actual Margin Revenue (No. 2 above).
- 5) Annually determine the new rate to be applied in Schedule 594 by taking the annual sum of monthly Deferral Amounts and dividing the total by forecasted volumes per Customer class.

EARNINGS TEST:

The earnings test will be based on the Company's year-end Commission Basis Reports (CBR) stated on an average-of-monthly-averages basis, prepared in accordance with WAC 480-90-257. This report is prepared using actual recorded results of operations and rate base, adjusted for any material out-of-period, non-operating, nonrecurring, and extraordinary items or any other item that materially distorts reporting period earnings and rate base. These adjustments are consistent with the adjustments described in paragraph (2)(b) of WAC 480-90-257. The CBR includes normalizing adjustments, such as adjustments to reflect operations under normal conditions. For the earnings test, the decoupling accounting entries adjust revenues from a therm sales basis to a revenue per customer basis. The CBR will not include any annualizing or pro forma adjustments.

One of the following will apply:

- If the CBR earned return exceeds the Company's authorized rate of return, the Deferral Amount that will be amortized as a surcharge will be decreased by 50%
- If the CBR earned return exceeds the Company's authorized rate of return, the Deferral Amount that will be amortized as a rebate will be increased by 50%.
- If the CBR earned return is less than the Company's authorized rate of return, no adjustment will be applied to the Deferral Amount whether it will be amortized as a surcharge or a rebate.

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BY AUTHORITY OF ORDER 04 AND SECRETARY LETTER DATED 8/17/16 OF WASH. UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMM. DOCKET UG-152786

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**RULE 21
DECOUPLING MECHANISM (Continued)**

EARNINGS TEST (continued)

The September 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, deferral amount will be subject to the CBR filed April 30, 2017, for the 2016 fiscal year. This amount will be amortized in a filing effective November 1, 2017, that will be submitted concurrently with the 2017 PGA and temporary technical adjustments; (T)

The subsequent decoupling deferral period, January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, will be amortized for rebate or surcharge in a filing effective November 1, 2018, and will be subject to the CBR filed April 30, 2018, for the 2017 fiscal year. The 12-month cycle of deferring then collecting after 11 months will continue for the duration of the mechanism.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

- 1) Following the application of the Earnings Test, the amount of an incremental proposed rate increase under this Rule alone cannot impact the overall per therm rate charged for natural gas and transmission services more than 3%.
- 2) The Company shall apply interest on the deferred balance on a monthly basis using the interest rate published by FERC. This calculation will be consistent with the current deferred accounting procedures detailed in WAC 480-90-233.

REPORTING:

- 1) Annual Reporting
The Company's annual true-up filing to revise the rate herein will include a work paper detailing monthly amounts deferred, the monthly customer count, and a reconciliation of amounts amortized and recovered in the prior twelve months.
- 2) Independent Audit
Cascade will procure an independent audit of its decoupling program following three years of implementation. The scope of the independent audit may be informed by the independent audits conducted by PSE and Avista of their decoupling mechanisms. If Cascade does not file its next general rate case before March 31, 2023, then Cascade must update the third-party evaluation of its decoupling mechanism within six months prior to the date that Cascade files its next general rate case. (C)
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TERM:

This Adjustment Mechanism shall remain effective until the rate effective date in the Company's next general rate case or August 31, 2025, whichever date is earlier, with the final deferral amount being recorded. The final Schedule 594 charge or credit billing will occur sixteen months after the final deferral amount. (C)
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GENERAL TERMS:

Service under this Rate Schedule is governed by the terms of this Rate Schedule, the General Rules and Regulations contained in this Tariff, any other Schedules that by their terms or by the terms of this Rate Schedule apply to service under this Rate Schedule, and by all rules and regulations prescribed by regulatory authorities, as amended from time to time.

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