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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY IMPORT AUTHORIZATION LONG TERM APPLICATION

Filing Company: Cascade Natural Gas Corporation

Parent Company: MDU Resources Group Inc.

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Corporate Officer: Dennis Haider, EVP, Reg., Gas Supply and Business Development,
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This gas is being bought from TD Securities to supply Cascade Natural Gas's core load in Washington and Oregon. The contract will begin November 1, 2011 and ends October 31, 2014. The volume is 1,000 mmbtus a day for a total volume of 1,096,000 mmbtus. The gas is being bought at Station 2, will come across the border at Sumas and will be transported on Northwest Pipeline. The base price for the contract is CGPR first of the month price less \$.17. There are no transportation charges, reservation fees, or take-or-pay provisions. A copy of the contract is enclosed.

If you have any questions please let me know,

Thanks,



Luke Hansen

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation

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GAS TRANSACTION CONFIRMATION

TD Energy Trading Inc.

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Date: May 13 2011

Contract: CASM_USA_PHYS

1. BUYER: Cascade Natural Gas Corporation	SELLER: TD Energy Trading Inc.	GAS TRANS. AG. EFF. DATE: September 04 2008	TRADE DATE: May 12 2011
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2. DETAILS OF TRANSACTIONS:							
Transaction	Start Date	End Date	Quantity	Commodity Price (Settles in US\$)	Qual. of Service (Int. Firm or EFP)	Del. Point	Del. Pipe
280347 / 323798	November 01 2011	October 31 2014	1,000 MMBTU Daily	See Section 3.1	Firm	Station 2	DEGT - BC

3. SPECIAL PROVISIONS, INCLUDING PRICE DETAILS (if any):
 3.1 Canadian Gas Price Report - AECO 7A US/MMBTU₀ - 0.170000 US/MMBTU
(1) The price per unit as reported in the first issue of the month of Canadian Gas Price Reporter as published by Enerdata Ltd Page 11 under the heading -Monthly Canadian and U.S. natural gas price summary, Canadian Domestic Gas Prices, NGX AB- NT Month Ahead Index. (7A), US\$/MMBtu.

4. ADDRESSES, OPERATIONS AND BILLINGS AND PAYMENT INFORMATION:	
TD Energy Trading Inc. ("Company") Suite 800, Home Oil Tower 324-8th Avenue Sw Calgary Alberta T2P 2Z2 Canada Attention: Fulowski, Elizabeth Phone: 403-299-8672 Fax: 403-299-8810 Marketing Rep: Turchanski, Kevin Initials:	Cascade Natural Gas Corporation ("Customer") 8113 W Grandridge Boulevard Kennewick Washington 98336-7166 U.S.A. Attention: Gas Supply Phone: (509) 734-4688 Fax: (509) 737-9834 Marketing Rep: Hansen, Luke Reference:

5. (a) This Confirmation supersedes any previous Confirmation or other communication with respect to the Transaction described herein and evidences a complete and binding agreement between us as to the terms of the Transaction.
 (b) This Confirmation supplements, forms part of, and is subject to the NAESB Base Contract for Short-Term Sale and Purchase of natural Gas entered into between TD Energy Trading Inc. and Counterparty.
 (c) Unless this is a spot or day gas transaction, each party acknowledges and agrees that the commodity underlying this transaction is a fungible one that trades in a liquid and volatile market, that an important purpose of this transaction is to effect a trade relating to the attendant market risk with respect to such commodity and that the parties intend this transaction to be an "eligible financial contract" within the meaning of relevant legislation.

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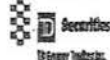
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20117 / 214791	November 01 2011	October 31 2014	1,000 MMBTU Daily	See Section 3.1	Free	Station 1	REG7 - GC

3. SPECIAL PROVISIONS, INCLUDING PRICE DETAILS (if any):
 3.1 Corridor Gas Price Reset - AGCO YA UNREMOVED - 0.170000 US\$/MMBTU
The price reset is subject to the terms of the North American Gas Price Resetter as outlined by Station and Reg 11 under the heading "Energy Services and U.S. Natural Gas" after delivery, Canadian Domestic Gas Prices, W&S, or NEI North American Index (NAI) US\$/MMBTU.

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TD Energy Trading Inc. ("Company") Suite 800, Home Office Tower, 326-336 Avenue SW Calgary Alberta T2P 2Z2 Canada Attention: Fokwan, Elizabeth Phone: 403-299-5272 Fax: 403-299-8919 Marketing Rep: Tansikarnth, Navi (M) (403) 298-8162 Fax: (403) 298-8999	Cascade Natural Gas Corporation ("Customer") 1512 W Granddike Boulevard Marmouk, Washington 95356-7188 U.S.A. Attention: Gas Supply Phone: (509) 734-4888 Fax: (509) 737-8154 Marketing Rep: (Name, Title) Reference: (Signature)

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Hansen, Luke

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COMET Transaction Confirmation (#569/1850)

Deal Description: Cascade Natural Gas - Package B - Station 2 Index Physical - Nov2011 to Oct2014

Execution date: May-12-2011

Originator: Cascade Natural Gas Corporation
8113 W Grandridge Boulevard
Kennewick, WASHINGTON 99336-7166
NG Cascade Natural Gas Corporation
Transacting User: Luke.Hansen@cngc.com

Respondent: TD Energy Trading, Inc.
800, 324-8th AVE SW
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TD Energy Trading - NG
Transacting User: kevin.turchanski@tdsecurities.com

Leg 1 of 1 (Cascade Natural Gas Corporation - Buyer)

Deal Type: Natural Gas - Physical Index Forward
Contract Type: Monthly
Index: CGPR/NGX AB-NIT Month Ahead Ind (7A)/in US\$/MMBTU
Differential: \$-0.1700
Period: Nov-01-2011 through Oct-31-2014
Daily Volume: 1,000 MMBTU
Load Factor: 100%
Total Volume: 1,096,000 MMBTU
Location: Westcoast Station 2
Comet Fee Disposition: Seller Pays Fees

Special Terms

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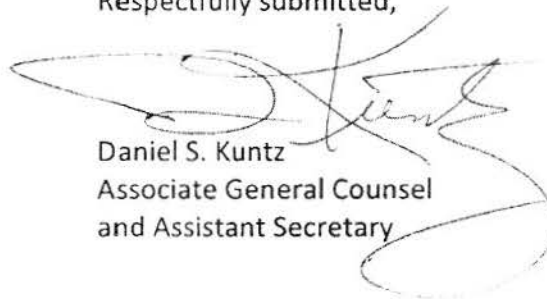
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RE: Application of Cascade Natural Gas Corporation
Authorization to Import Natural Gas from Canada

Pursuant to Section 590.202(c) of the Administrative Procedures of the Department of Energy, 10 C.F.R. §590.202(c), I am hereby providing my legal opinion with respect to the corporate power of Cascade Natural Gas Corporation to import Canadian natural gas.

I have examined Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's Articles of Incorporation and its Bylaws. Based upon the review of these two documents, it is my opinion that Cascade Natural Gas Corporation is not precluded by its Articles of Incorporation or its Bylaws from importing natural gas.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel S. Kuntz
Associate General Counsel
and Assistant Secretary