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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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400 N 4th St, Bismarck, ND 58501, (701) 222-7639

Cascade Natural Gas would like to file for a long term import authorization application for natural gas being imported from Canada. This gas is being bought to supply Cascade Natural Gas's core load in Washington and Oregon. Terms of the contract are listed below. There are no transportation charges, reservation fees, or take-or-pay provisions. Please find enclosed a copy of the contract and a signed opinion of legal counsel.

Counterparty:	Shell Energy North America
Term of Contract:	November 1, 2012 – September 30, 2015
Purchase Location:	Kingsgate
Port of Entry:	Eastport
Volumes:	2,672,000 MMBTUs
Price:	\$3.76

If you have any questions please let me know,
Thanks,

Luke Hansen
Cascade Natural Gas Corporation
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SHELL ENERGY NORTH AMERICA (US), L.P.

Confirmation Date: 07/13/2012
Trader: Tom Howard
Commodity: Natural Gas

Trade Date: 07/12/2012
Endur #: 6205072
Contract #: 010-NG-BS-07034

CONFIRMATION

CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION
Attn:
222 FAIRVIEW AVE NORTH,
SEATTLE, WA 98109-5312

Fax: 121 36544039
Phone: 161 9734 4587

This Transaction Confirmation ("Confirmation") shall confirm and effectuate the agreement between SHELL ENERGY NORTH AMERICA (US), L.P. ("Shell Energy") and CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION ("Counterparty") regarding the purchase and sale of natural gas under the following terms. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Contract.

Seller: SHELL ENERGY NORTH AMERICA (US), L.P.

Buyer: CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION

Table with 5 columns: Period of Delivery, Performance Obligation, Transporter / Delivery Point(s), Contract Quantity (MMBTU Per Day), and Contract Price (USD / MMBTU). It lists monthly delivery details from 11/01/2012 to 05/01/2015 for the GAS TRANS NW KINGSGATE POOL.

This Confirmation is being provided pursuant to and in accordance with the master natural gas purchase and/or sale contract dated 7/1/2003 between Shell Energy (the "Contract") and Counterparty and constitute part of and is subject to all of the provisions of the Contract. With respect to the above stated Contract Number identifying this specific transaction, this Confirmation shall supersede any prior Confirmations of this specific transaction.

Please evidence your acceptance of this Confirmation by signing below and returning a faxed copy to Shell Energy. If no facsimile objection to this Confirmation is received by Shell Energy by 5:00 p.m., HOUSTON, Texas time, within two (2) Business Days after delivery of this Confirmation to Counterparty (unless otherwise specified in the Contract), then this Confirmation shall be the final expression of all the terms hereof and shall be binding and enforceable against Seller and Buyer regardless of whether executed by Counterparty.

CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION

SHELL ENERGY NORTH AMERICA (US), L.P.

Per: [Signature]
Name/Title: DEAN W. HARPER / EVP
Date: July 16, 2012

Per: [Signature]
Name/Title: Patricia Butler - Contracts Manager
Date: 07/13/2012

Please return the signed confirmation to Fax: 713-265-2171

Questions and comments should be directed to Shell Energy at Phone: 877-504-2491



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Larine,
Please find enclosed three applications for Cascade Natural Gas Corporation for long term import authorizations of natural gas from Canada. Also enclosed is a signed opinion of legal counsel, showing that the imports are within the corporate powers of Cascade. There are copies of the transaction confirmations enclosed as well. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. My contact information is below.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Luke Hansen". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Luke Hansen
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