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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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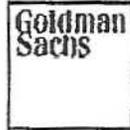
This gas is being bought from J. Aron & Company to supply Cascade Natural Gas's core load in Washington and Oregon. The contract will begin February 1, 2012 and ends October 31, 2014. The volume is 2,500 mmbtus a day for a total volume of 2,510,000 mmbtus. The gas is being bought at NOVA, will come across the border at Kingsgate and will be transported on GTN. The base price for the contract is \$4.5925. 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,



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To: CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORP
Attention: LUKE HANSEN
Broker: SALES DEPARTMENT
Attention: STEVEN GRAY
From: Goldman Sachs Global Commodities (Canada) Corporation (GSGCCC) as
booking entity for J. Aron & Company

We are pleased to confirm the following Transaction between you and J. Aron & Company

Contract Reference Number: 1682077761 1 1
Trade Date: 17 Jun 2011
Seller: J. Aron & Company
Buyer: CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORP
Product: Natural Gas
Type of Transaction: FIRM

Delivery Period: 01 Feb 2012 - 31 Oct 2014 (Inclusive)

Quantity: 2,500.00 MMBTU(s) per Calendar Day

Total Quantity: 2,510,000.00 MMBTU(s) Total for the Delivery Period

Price: USD 4.5925 per MMBTU

Pipeline: Nova Gas Transmission Ltd

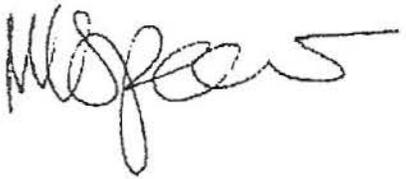
Location: NIT

For the sake of good order, please note that the terms of this transaction shall be agreed solely between the parties and that any brokers confirmation telex referencing the details of this transaction is for information purposes only.

All provisions contained or incorporated by reference in the NAESB Base Contract for the Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas dated as of 01 August, 2004 between CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORP and J. Aron & Company will govern this confirmation except as expressly modified herein.

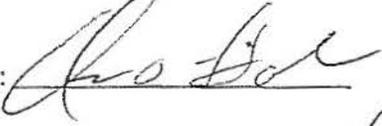
Please confirm that the foregoing correctly sets forth the terms of our agreement with respect to this transaction (Contract Reference Number: 1682077761 1 1) by signing this confirmation in the space provided below and immediately returning a copy of the executed confirmation via facsimile to the attention of Commodity Operations at:
New York: 1-212-493-9846 (J. Aron & Company)
London: 44-207-774-2135 (Goldman Sachs International)
Singapore: 65-6889-3525 (J. Aron & Company (Singapore) Pte.)

Regards,
J. Aron & Company
Signed on behalf of Goldman Sachs Global Commodities (Canada) Corporation
(GSGCCC) as booking entity for J. Aron & Company
By:



Mark Spear
Vice President
J. Aron & Company

Signed on behalf of CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORP

By: 

Name: Dennis L. Hardie

Title: Exec V.P. - Reg/Gas Supply / Bas Dev

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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