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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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Kennewick, WA 99336, (509) 734-4587

Corporate Officer: Dennis Haider, EVP, Reg., Gas Supply and Business Development,
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 – October 31, 2015
Purchase Location:	Huntingdon
Port of Entry:	Sumas
Volumes:	6,360,000 MMBTUs
Price:	\$4.17

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

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(US), L.P.**

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Confirmation Date: 07/16/2012
 Trader: Tom Howard
 Commodity: Natural Gas

Trade Date: 07/12/2012
 Endur #: 6205067
 Contract #: 010-NG-BS-07034

**REVISED
CONFIRMATION**

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

Fax: 1 066544039
 Phone: 1 309 734 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

Period of Delivery	Performance Obligation	Transporter / Delivery Point(s)	Contract Quantity MMBTU Per Day	Contract Price USD / MMBTU
11/01/2012 - 10/31/2015	Firm	WESTCOAST ENERGY, HUNTINGDON	See Below	See Below
Monthly Details:				
11/01/2012 - 04/30/2013		WESTCOAST ENERGY HUNTINGDON	10,000 MMBTU	4.17000
05/01/2013 - 10/31/2013		WESTCOAST ENERGY HUNTINGDON	0 MMBTU	4.17000
11/01/2013 - 05/31/2014		WESTCOAST ENERGY HUNTINGDON	10,000 MMBTU	4.17000
06/01/2014 - 09/30/2014		WESTCOAST ENERGY HUNTINGDON	0 MMBTU	4.17000
10/01/2014 - 04/30/2015		WESTCOAST ENERGY HUNTINGDON	10,000 MMBTU	4.17000
05/01/2015 - 09/30/2015		WESTCOAST ENERGY HUNTINGDON	0 MMBTU	4.17000
10/01/2015 - 10/31/2015		WESTCOAST ENERGY HUNTINGDON	10,000 MMBTU	4.17000

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 Deal 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:
 Name/Title: Dennis Haidouk EVP
 Date: July 23, 2012

Per:
 Name/Title: Patricia Butler - Contracts Manager
 Date: 07/16/2012

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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U.S. Department of Energy
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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".

Luke Hansen
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