DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY IMPORT AUTHORIZATION LONG TERM APPLICATION

Filing Company: Cascade Natural Gas Corporation
Parent Company: MDU Resources Group Inc.

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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: TD Securities
Term of Contract: November 1, 2012 – October 31, 2015
Purchase Location: Huntington
Port of Entry: Sumas
Volumes: 5,069,000 MMBTUs
Price: $4.3054

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

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In the Community to Serve
## GAS TRANSACTION CONFIRMATION

**Date:** September 20 2012  
**Contract:** CASM_USA_PHYS

### 1. BUYER:  
Cascade Natural Gas Corporation

### SELLER:  
TD Energy Trading Inc.

### 2. DETAILS OF TRANSACTIONS:

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GAS TRANSACTION CONFIRMATION

BUYER: Cascadia Natural Gas Corporation
SELLER: TD Energy Trading Inc.
CONTRACT: CASM_USA_PHY
TRANSACTION ID: 341100 (Trade Date: September 19 2012)

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3. SPECIAL PROVISIONS, INCLUDING PRICE DETAILS (if any):

4. ADDRESSES, OPERATIONS AND BILLINGS AND PAYMENT INFORMATION:

TD Energy Trading Inc. ("Company")
Suite 800, Home Oil Tower 324-9th Avenue Sw
Calgary Alberta T2P 2Z2
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Phone: 403-290-8672
Fax: 403-290-8610

Marketing Rep: Turchansky, Kevin
Phone: (403) 290-8661
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Cascadia Natural Gas Corporation ("Customer")
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Kennewick Washington 99336-7166
U.S.A.

Attention: Gas Supply
Phone: (509) 734-6888
Fax: (509) 737-9854

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 supersedes, 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 offset 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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U.S. Department of Energy  
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P.O. Box 44375  
Washington DC 20026-4375

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,

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