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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING  
& FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Oregon Public Utility Commission  
Attn: Filing Center  
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P.O. Box 2148  
Salem, Oregon 97308-2148

RE: In the Matter of Northwest Natural Gas Company Annual Purchased Gas  
Cost and Technical Rate Adjustments  
**Docket No. UG 187**

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed please find an original and one (1) copy of the Northwest Industrial Gas Users' Petition to Intervene and Waiver of Paper Service filed in the above-referenced docket.

This was filed electronically with the OPUC on this date, and will be served both electronically and by U.S. Mail on those parties listed on the OPUC's current Service List.

Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully submitted,



Chad M. Stokes

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

**UG 187**

In the Matter of	)	
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NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS	)	THE NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL
COMPANY,	)	GAS USERS' PETITION TO
	)	INTERVENE and Waiver of Paper
Annual Purchased Gas Cost and Technical	)	Service
Rate Adjustments.	)	

Pursuant to ORS § 756.525 and OAR § 860-012-0001, the Northwest Industrial Gas Users ("NWIGU") hereby submit this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding and seek party status as provided in OAR § 860-011-0035(7). In support of this Petition, NWIGU states as follows:

1. The name and address of NWIGU as a party of record in this proceeding is:

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2. NWIGU is a non-profit association comprised of thirty-eight end users of natural gas with major facilities in the States of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. NWIGU members include diverse industrial interests, including food processing, pulp and paper, wood products, electric generation, aluminum, steel, chemicals, electronics, and aerospace. The association provides an informational service to its members and participates in various regulatory matters that affect member interests. NWIGU member companies purchase transportation services from Northwest Pipeline GP and TransCanada Gas Transmission Northwest Corporation, and purchase sales and transportation services from Oregon local distribution companies (“LDCs”), including Northwest Natural Gas Company (“Northwest Natural”), that acquire service from the interstate pipelines.

3. On August 31, 2009, Northwest Natural filed a request for an annual purchased gas cost and technical rate adjustments with the Oregon Public Utility Commission (“Commission”). If approved, the average bill for Schedule 32 industrial firm sales customers will decrease by 29.2 percent. As industrial customers of Northwest Natural, NWIGU member companies will be impacted by any outcome in this proceeding. NWIGU therefore has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding. No other party can adequately represent NWIGU member companies’ interest and NWIGU will be affected by any Commission determination made in this proceeding.

4. NWIGU's participation in this proceeding will assist the Commission resolving the issues, and will not unreasonably broaden the issues, unduly burden the record, or delay the proceeding.

5. NWIGU waives paper service of documents in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, NWIGU respectfully requests leave to intervene and requests all the rights of a party in this proceeding.

Dated this 28th day of September, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,



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