ISSUED: October 12, 2009

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

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In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL

RULING

Annual Purchased Gas Cost and Technical Rate Adjustments.

DISPOSITION: PETITION TO INTERVENE GRANTED

On September 28, 2009, the Northwest Industrial Gas Users' (NWIGU) filed a petition to intervene in this docket. NWIGU has sufficient interest in the proceeding, and its appearance and participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding. *See* OAR 860-012-0001. The petition to intervene is granted.

Dated this 12th day of October, 2009, at Salem, Oregon.

Michael Grant

Chief Administrative Law Judge