#### **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

#### **OF OREGON**

### UM 1720

In the Matters of

# NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY dba NW NATURAL,

Investigation into Long-Term Hedging Policy.

### NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS' NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST ISSUE FUND GRANT

and Waiver of Paper Service

Pursuant to OAR § 860-001-0120 and the Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement ("IFA"), approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission ("Commission") in Order No. 12-452 on November 20, 2012, the Northwest Industrial Gas Users ("NWIGU") hereby respectfully submit this Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant in Docket No. UM 1720. As required by the IFA, NWIGU asserts the following:

1. UM 1720 is Eligible Proceedings under the IFA. The IFA defines an Eligible Proceeding as "any Commission proceeding that directly affects one or more of the Participating Public Utilities." IFA, Section 1(c). UM 1720 will directly affect NW Natural Gas Company ("NW Natural"), which is a Participating Public Utility under Section 1(k) of the IFA. Therefore, an Issue Fund Grant is permissible under Section 6.1 of the IFA.

2. As required by IFA Section 6.2, this Notice of Intent is being served on each affected Participating Public Utility, all pre-certified organizations, and all parties identified on the service list for UM 1720.

3. NWIGU identifies the NW Natural Issue Fund Account as the accounts from which NWIGU intends to request an Issue Fund Grant. The amount of the request will depend on the availability of funds in that account when NWIGU submits a budget.

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4. NWIGU has been precertified under Section 5.2 of the IFA and OAR § 860-001-0120(3) as eligible to receive an Issue Fund Grant.

5. NWIGU will submit a budget in accordance with Section 6.3 of the IFA.

NWIGU will also coordinate with the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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