BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY dba NW NATURAL

2016 Integrated Resource Plan

NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS' PETITION TO INTERVENE

and Waiver of Paper Service

Pursuant to ORS § 756.525, OAR § 860-001-0300(2), Northwest Industrial Gas Users ("NWIGU") hereby submits this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding and seeks party status as provided in OAR § 860-001-0300(7). In support of this Petition to Intervene, 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 approximately 40 end users of natural gas with major facilities in the States of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. NWIGU members include diverse industrial and commercial interests, including food processing, pulp and paper, wood products, electric generation, aluminum, steel, chemicals, electronics, aerospace, and healthcare providers. The association provides an informational service to its members and participates in various regulatory matters that affect member interests. NWIGU member companies purchase sales and transportation services from Oregon local distribution companies.
- 3. NW Natural intends to file its Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") in August 2016, which will be filed in this docket. Because NWIGU member companies purchase sales and transportation services from NW Natural, it has a direct and substantial interest in NW Natural's IRP and, therefore, in this proceeding.
- 4. NWIGU's participation in this proceeding will assist the Commission in 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 11th day of March 2015

Respectfully submitted,

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