BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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In the Matters of

CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION,

Request for General Rate Revision

NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS' PETITION TO INTERVENE

and Waiver of Paper Service

Pursuant to ORS § 756.525, OAR § 860-001-0300(2), and the Notice of Prehearing Conference dated May 12, 2016, 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 including Cascade Natural Gas Corporation ("Cascade").
- 3. On April 29, 2016, Cascade filed an Application for General Rate Case Revision. Specifically, the Company is requesting a general rate increase in the Company's Oregon revenues by \$1,906,285 or 2.7592%. Cascade is proposing to increase transportation schedules by 6.8 percent. Because NWIGU member companies purchase sales and transportation services from Cascade, it has a direct and substantial interest in Cascade's application 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 16th day of May 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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