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Dear Interested Stakeholders,

The PUC has opened Docket No. UM 1748, to implement SB 32, which was signed into law in July 2015. SB 32 requires the Commission to establish a workgroup (Workgroup) to determine findings and conclusions regarding access to natural gas infrastructure in unserved areas. It also requires the Commission to submit a report, including recommendations (if any), to the Oregon Legislature by September 15, 2016. You can access the information about the docket and follow the process through this eDockets website:

<https://apps.puc.state.or.us/edockets/docket.asp?DocketID=19682>

The Commission is tasked with establishing a workgroup and has expressed an interest in ensuring that the workgroup represents a broad range of interests while maintaining a manageable Workgroup size. It has become clear that there is significant interest in the Workgroup and the Commission believes that it would be most efficient to first gather information. Therefore, as a first step, PUC Staff is asking for information about potential work group members.

SB 32 Workgroup Member Interest. If you are interested in serving as a Workgroup member, please submit (1) a completed Statement of Interest form (attached) and (2) your resume by **Friday, October 16, 2015** to Mark Brown via email at mark.brown@state.or.us with "UM 1748 – Natural Gas Infrastructure Extension in Unserved Areas" in the subject line. If you prefer not to use email, you may mail the completed form and your resume to Mark Brown at:

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Even if you have already reached out to express an interest in serving on the Workgroup, please submit this requested information so that we have a complete list. PUC Staff will evaluate all Statements of Interest forms and resumes by considering the statutory requirements. The Commission has requested that Workgroup members reflect a broad range of perspectives, and PUC Staff will be mindful of considering geographic diversity and a diversity of interests. Please know that we will not be able to accommodate every request to serve as a Workgroup member as we will need to keep the Workgroup to a manageable size. While reviewing this information, PUC Staff may reach out to people who have submitted Workgroup member information that have indicated similar interests to determine if there is a preferred representative for similar interests.

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Based on an evaluation of the Statement of Interest forms and resumes provided, PUC Staff will recommend a list of names for the Commissioners to consider for Workgroup membership. This recommendation will be given at a future Public Meeting, at which any interested persons may provide comments about PUC Staff's recommendation. The Commission will decide how to move forward with Workgroup membership at the Public Meeting. If you would like to be notified of this public meeting or stay informed about other events in this matter, please:

- Send an email to puc.hearings@state.or.us
 - In the subject line, please write: "Request to be added to UM 1748 notice list"
 - Your email should include your name, affiliation (if any), and email address

Please consider forwarding this information to other stakeholders that you may know that are interested in this topic.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Thank you.



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Attachment: Statement of Interest Form

Workgroup Statement of Interest Form

UM 1748 – Natural Gas Infrastructure Extension in Unserved Areas
Implementation of SB 32 (2015)

Background: The Commission is tasked with establishing a Workgroup and has expressed an interest in ensuring that the workgroup represents a broad range of interests while maintaining a manageable workgroup size. SB 32 specifically lists the following interests (outside of the legislature) that should be represented on the Workgroup: (1) Representatives of Public Utilities that furnish natural gas; (2) Representatives of other energy suppliers; (3) Representatives of Local Governments; (4) Representatives of Elected Officials; (5) Stakeholders who have an interest in the outcome of study; (6) Individuals who have knowledge about the subject matter of the study.

NAME:

ORGANIZATION:

INTERESTS THAT YOU WOULD REPRESENT ON THE WORKGROUP:

CONTACT INFORMATION: