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Enclosed for filing in the UG 167 proceeding are the original and five copies of the (joint) Petition to Intervene of the NW Energy Coalition and Natural Resources Defense Council.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Steven Weiss

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

UG 167

In the Matter of) Cascade Natural Gas) Requests authorization to establish a Decoupling) Mechanism and approval of tariff sheets No. 30) and No. 30-A)

Petition to Intervene of the **NW Energy Coalition/ Natural Resources Defense Council**

The NW Energy Coalition (NWEC) and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) hereby petition to intervene jointly in the above-referenced proceedings as an intervener party pursuant to OAR 860-13-021. In support of this Petition to Intervene, NWEC/NRDC asserts the following:

A. NWEC's business address is:	NRDC's business address is:
219 First Ave. S., Suite 100	111 Sutter Street, 20th Floor,
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B. NWEC/NRDC **waives paper service** and will be represented by NWEC's Sr. Policy Associate Steven Weiss who is designated for service of all documents at the following address:

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C. NWEC is a private, non-profit alliance of more than 100 consumer and good-government groups, lowincome agencies and advocacy organizations, environmental organizations and progressive utilities. For the past 24 years, NWEC has promoted equity in ratemaking, and advocated for cost-effective conservation and renewable energy resources, accounting for environmental costs in resource choices, ensuring fair access to NW resources, and actively engaging the public in energy decision making. NWEC's membership is from the four Northwest states, California and British Columbia.

NRDC is a national environmental organization with 14,000 Oregon members.

D. Besides representing many ratepayers in Oregon, NWEC/NRDC has special interests in these proceedings in ensuring that Cascade's rates best serve the interests of ratepayers, especially those with limited incomes, and contribute to improvements in the environment. NWEC and NRDC were actively involved in the original UG 163.

NWEC/NRDC's involvement will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record nor delay the proceeding. We offer this process expertise in the area of price signals and decoupling. For the reasons stated above, NWEC/NRDC respectfully requests that we be allowed to intervene in this matter.

Dated this 26th day of January, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Weiss, Senior Policy Associate, NW Energy Coalition

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I certify that on the 9th day of September, 2005 I served the foregoing document (Opening Comments of CUB, RNP and NWEC) upon all parties of record in this proceeding by e-mail.

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