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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING  
AND FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
Attn: Filing Center  
550 Capitol Street NE, Suite 215  
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Salem, Oregon 97308-2148

Re: DOCKET UM 1565: Investigation into Fuel Switching and Cross Fuel  
Efficiency

Petition to Intervene of NW Natural

Enclosed please find NW Natural's Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced  
docket.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Jennifer Gross*

Jennifer Gross  
Tariff and Regulatory Compliance

enclosures

cc: UM 1565 Service List

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON

UM 1565

In the Matter of	)	
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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF	)	<b>NW NATURAL'S</b>
OREGON	)	<b>PETITION TO INTERVENE</b>
	)	<b>AND WAIVER OF PAPER</b>
Investigation into Fuel Switching and	)	<b>SERVICE</b>
Cross Fuel Efficiency	)	
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Pursuant to ORS 756.525 and OAR 860-012-0001, Northwest Natural Gas Company ("NW Natural") petitions to intervene in UM 1565, Investigation of Fuel Switching and Cross Fuel Efficiency. In support of this petition, NW Natural states:

1.

NW Natural is a natural gas utility located in the state of Oregon and is subject to the supervision and regulation of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("the Commission").

2.

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3.

NW Natural has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding. NW Natural has experience with Commission investigations. NW Natural and its customers will be directly impacted by policies adopted as a result of this docket.

4.

NW Natural's participation in this proceeding will assist the Commission in resolving the issues before it and will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record or unreasonably delay the proceedings. No other party can adequately represent its interests in this proceeding.

5.

NW Natural hereby waives service by means other than service by electronic mail.

WHEREFORE, NW Natural respectfully requests that the Commission grant this petition in intervene.

DATED: December 21, 2011

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY

/s/ Jennifer Gross  
Jennifer Gross  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing PETITION TO INTERVENE OF NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS in Docket No. UM 1565 upon each party listed below by electronic mail.

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Respectfully submitted,

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