

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1633

In the Matter of

OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY
COMMISSION

Investigation into Treatment of Pension
Costs in Utility Rates

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 and Memorandum dated December 10, 2012, the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (“NWIGU”) hereby submit this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding and seek 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 thirty-eight end users of natural gas with major facilities in the States of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. NWIGU members include diverse industrial interests, including food processing, pulp and paper, wood products, electric generation, aluminum, steel, chemicals, electronics, and aerospace. 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 (“LDCs”).

3. On October 26, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 12-408 stating its intention to open a docket to review the treatment of pension expense on a general, non-utility-specific basis. That order was issued in Docket UG 221, NW Natural’s most recent general rate case.

4. NWIGU was one of the parties in UG 221 and provided both expert testimony and arguments relating to the appropriate method for the Commission to treat pension expenses. NWIGU’s participation in this proceeding will continue to 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.

6. NWIGU is also filing a Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant concurrently with this Petition to Intervene.

WHEREFORE, NWIGU respectfully requests leave to intervene and requests all the rights of a party in this proceeding.

Dated this 18th day of December 2012.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that I have on this day served the foregoing document upon all parties of record in this proceeding via electronic mail and/or by mailing a copy properly addressed with first class postage prepaid.

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Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed please find the original and one (1) copy of the NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS' PETITION TO INTERVENE and WAIVER OF PAPER SERVICE in the above-referenced docket.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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