BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1744

In the Matters of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY dba NW NATURAL,

Application for Approval of an Emission Reduction Program

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 July 8, 2015, the 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 more than 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.
- 3. On June 24, 2015, NW Natural filed an Application for Approval of a Carbon Emission Reduction Program. Specifically, the Company is seeking authorization to implement its proposed Combined Heat and Power Solicitation Program ("CHP").
- 4. NWIGU participated in the Commission's rulemaking proceedings that authorized the CHP application, and NWIGU also participated in stakeholder workshops NW Natural hosted when developing the CHP proposal. NWIGU's participation in this proceeding will assist the Commission in implementing its voluntary carbon reduction rules, and in resolving the issues presented in the filing. NWIGU's participation 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 17th day of July 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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