BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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In	the	Matter

NW NATURAL GAS COMPANY dba NW NATURAL.

Application to Approve a Corporate Reorganization to Create a Holding Company NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS' PETITION TO INTERVENE

and Waiver of Paper Service

Pursuant to ORS § 756.525 and OAR § 860-001-0300(2), Northwest Industrial Gas Users ("NWIGU") hereby submits this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding and seeks party status. 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 approximately 38 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 including NW Natural Gas Company dba NW Natural ("NW Natural").

- 3. On December 5, 2016, NW Natural filed an application to approve a corporate reorganization to create a holding company. NWIGU member companies that take service from NW Natural will be impacted from any outcome in this proceeding.
- 4. NWIGU's participation in this proceeding will 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.

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

Dated this 20^h day of January 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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