

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

**UM 1808**

In the Matter

NW NATURAL GAS COMPANY dba  
NW NATURAL,

Updated Depreciation Study Pursuant to  
OAR 860-027-0350

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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Chad M. Stokes and Tommy A. Brooks from the law firm Cable Huston LLP will represent NWIGU in this proceeding. In addition to Mr. Finklea, all documents related to this proceeding should be served on NWIGU’s attorneys at the following address:

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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 20, 2016, NW Natural filed an updated depreciation study pursuant to OAR 860-027-0350. In its filing, NW Natural does not propose to change depreciation rates currently embedded in rates, but does offer the updated depreciation study to use as a basis in its next general rate case.

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. NWIGU regularly participates in NW Natural dockets, including general rate case proceedings. NWIGU’s participation in this docket will not only assist the Commission and other parties in this docket, but will make NWIGU’s participation in the next general rate case

more efficient. Because depreciation rates affect rates for all customers, NWIGU's participation will benefit multiple customer classes.

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 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



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