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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Oregon Public Utility Commission  
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RE: In the Matter of Northwest Natural Gas Company - Investigation to  
Determine if Company Provided Adequate Customer Info  
**Docket No. UM 1236**

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed please find an original and one (1) copy of **The Northwest Industrial Gas Users' Petition to Intervene** in the above-referenced Docket.

This was filed electronically with the OPUC on this date, and will be served only by U.S. Mail on the parties listed on the Certificate of Service, as no Service List exists on the OPUC's current website.

Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully submitted,



Edward A. Finklea

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cc: Certificate of Service, by U.S. Mail

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**OF OREGON**

**UM 1236**

In the Matter of NORTHWEST )  
NATURAL GAS COMPANY ) THE NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL  
Investigation to Determine If Company ) GAS USERS' PETITION TO  
Provided Adequate Customer Info ) INTERVENE  
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Pursuant to ORS § 756.525 and OAR § 860-012-0001, 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 § 860-011-0035(7). In support of this Petition, NWIGU states as follows:

1. The name and address of NWIGU as a party of record in this proceeding is:

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Edward A. Finklea and Chad M. Stokes will represent NWIGU in this proceeding. 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 thirty-two 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 transportation services from Williams Gas Pipeline – West, also known as Northwest Pipeline Corporation and Gas Transmission Northwest Corporation, and purchase sales and transportation services from local distribution companies (“LDCs”) that acquire service from the interstate pipelines. NWIGU member companies acquire natural gas sales and transportation services from Northwest Natural Gas Company (NW Natural) in Oregon.

3. On December 6, 2005, the Commission opened this investigation to determine if NW Natural had violated its tariffs or the rules of this Commission in providing service to certain industrial customers beginning in October of 2005. Several of the NW Natural customers directly impacted are members of NWIGU.

3. No other party can adequately represent NWIGU member companies' interest, and NWIGU will be affected by any Commission determination made 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.

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

Dated: February 2, 2006

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have on this day caused to be served the foregoing NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS' PETITION TO INTERVENE upon the following party by mailing at his/her last-known address via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid. There are no parties listed on the OPUC's Current Website for this docket.

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