## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

## **OF OREGON**

## **UM 1420**

In the Matter of NW Natural Company's Application for Authorization For Deferred Accounting of Expenses For Industrial Demand Side Management Programs

NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS' PETITION TO INTERVENE

and Waiver of Paper Service

Pursuant to ORS § 756.525, 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 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 approximately 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 February 24, 2015, NW Natural filed an Application for Reauthorization for Deferred Accounting. Specifically, the Company is seeing to record and defer with interest all costs associated with studying, planning, administering, and delivering Demand Side Management ("DSM") programs to Industrial Firm Sales Customers, Industrial Interruptible Sales Customers, and Schedule 32 Commercial Sales Customers. Because NWIGU member companies purchase sales and transportation services from NW Natural, it has a direct and substantial interest in NW Natural's Application and, therefore, 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 11th day of March 2015

Respectfully submitted,

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