

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON**

**UM 1787**

In the Matter of	)	Petition to Intervene
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF	)	of the
OREGON	)	<b>NW Energy Coalition</b>
Investigation into Percentage of Income	)	
Payment	)	

Pursuant to ORS 765.525 and OAR 860-001-0300(2), the NW Energy Coalition (NWECC) hereby petitions to intervene and appear with full party status in the above-referenced proceedings. In support of this Petition to Intervene, the following is provided:

NWECC's business address is:  
811 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite #305  
Seattle, WA 98104

NWECC will be represented by Policy Director Wendy Gerlitz in this proceeding. All documents relating to these proceedings should be served on the following person at the address listed below:

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The Petitioner will not be represented by Council in this proceeding.

NWECC is a private, non-profit alliance of more than 110 consumer groups, low-income action agencies and advocacy organizations, good-government groups, environmental organizations and progressive utilities. For the past 34 years, NWECC has promoted equity in ratemaking and advocated for cost-effective conservation, accounting for environmental costs in resource choices, and engagement of the public in energy decision-making.

As an organization concerned with promoting clean, affordable power throughout the State of Oregon, NWECC has a substantial interest in this proceeding. Investigating changes to the manner in which low-income customer assistance is provided will have an impact on bill affordability. Additionally various assistance structures may have an impact on, or provide better alignment with, efforts to promote clean energy, especially among low income customers.

NWECC's interest in this proceeding is to ensure regulatory outcomes that protect the interests of low-income consumers, affordability and clean energy. NWECC will raise issues that are directly relevant to promoting this outcome.

The Coalition has participated in previous dockets at the Commission involving low income customer interests and the intersection with clean energy policy. Additionally, NWECC regularly participates in Commission proceedings involving utility resource plans, energy efficiency guidelines and acquisition, renewable energy subject matters and low-income customer protections. NWECC's intervention will assist the Commission in resolving the issues and will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record or delay the proceeding.

Based on the information provided above in accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, NWECC requests to participate in this proceeding as an intervener with full party status.

Dated this 7th day of July, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Wendy Gerlitz*

Wendy Gerlitz  
Policy Director  
NW Energy Coalition

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day caused **the Petition to Intervene of NW Energy Coalition** to be served by electronic mail to those parties whose email addresses appear on the attached service list, and by First Class Mail, postage prepaid and properly addressed, to those parties on the service list who have not waived paper service from OPUC Docket No. UM 1787.

DATED this 7th day of July 2016.

*/s/ Wendy Gerlitz*

**Wendy Gerlitz**  
**Policy Director**  
**NW Energy Coalition**  
**Portland, Oregon**