

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**OF OREGON**

**UG 490**

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS  
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,

Request for a General Rate Revision.

ALLIANCE OF WESTERN ENERGY  
CONSUMERS' PETITION TO  
INTERVENE

Pursuant to ORS 756.525 and OAR 860-001-0300(2), Alliance of Western Energy Consumers ("AWEC") hereby submits this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding and seeks party status. In support of this Petition to Intervene, AWEC states as follows:

1. The business address of AWEC's is:

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2. Chad M. Stokes from the law firm Cable Huston LLP will represent AWEC in this proceeding. All documents related to this proceeding should be served on AWEC's attorneys and consultants at the following addresses:

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3. AWEC is a non-profit association with a membership consisting of approximately 40 end users of natural gas with major facilities in the States of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. AWEC members include diverse industrial and commercial interests, including those related to 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. AWEC member companies purchase sales and transportation services from Oregon local distribution companies including Northwest Natural Gas Company (“NW Natural”).

4. This docket is related to NW Natural’s request for a general rate revision. In its filing, NW Natural is seeking to increase its annual Oregon jurisdictional revenues by approximately \$154 million. Because AWEC member companies purchase sales and transportation services from NW Natural, AWEC has a direct and substantial interest in NW Natural’s request for to increase rates, and, therefore, in this proceeding.

5. AWEC’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.

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

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Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2024.

Respectfully submitted,



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