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# VIA ELECTRONIC FILING & FIRST CLASS MAIL

Oregon Public Utility Commission Attn: Filing Center 550 Capitol Street N.E., #215 P.O. Box 2148 Salem, Oregon 97308-2148

Re: In the Matter of Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural

2011 Integrated Resource Plan;

Docket No. LC 51

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter please find an original and one (1) copy of the **Northwest Industrial Gas Users' Petition to Intervene and Waiver of Paper Service.** Please note that this document was submitted via electronic mail to the PUC Filing Center on this date, with copies served on the current Service List via e-mail and/or first class mail.

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Very truly yours,

/s/ Chad M. Stokes Chad M. Stokes

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#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

#### **OF OREGON**

#### LC 51

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In the Matter of the Application of	) THE NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS	) GAS USERS' PETITION TO
COMPANY, dba NW Natural,	) INTERVENE AND WAIVER OF
	) PAPER SERVICE
2011 Integrated Resources Plan	)
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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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- 2. NWIGU is a non-profit association comprised of thirty-eight 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 sales and transportation services from Oregon local distribution companies ("LDCs"), including Northwest Natural Gas Company ("NW Natural"), that acquire service from interestate pipelines.
- 3. On January 12, 2011, NW Natural filed its Integrated Resources Plan (Plan). The Plan defines the mix of natural gas supply and conservation designated to meet expected future demand requirements at the lowest reasonable cost to the utility and its ratepayers. As customers of NW Natural, NWIGU member companies will be impacted by any outcome in this proceeding. NWIGU therefore has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding. 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 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 24th day of February, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Chad M. Stokes

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## Dated in Portland, Oregon, this 24th day of February, 2011.

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