

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
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In the Matter of)	Petition to Intervene
Northwest Natural)	of the
Petition to Commence Investigation)	NW Energy Coalition

The NW Energy Coalition (NWECC) hereby petitions to intervene in the above-referenced proceedings as an intervenor party pursuant to OAR 860-13-021. In support of this Petition to Intervene, NWECC asserts the following:

A. NWECC's business address is:

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B. NWECC will be represented by Sr. Policy Associate Steven Weiss who is designated for service of all documents at the following address:

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C. NWECC is a private, non-profit alliance of more than 100 consumer groups, low-income action agencies and advocacy organizations, good-government groups, environmental organizations and progressive utilities. For the past 24 years, NWECC has promoted equity in ratemaking, and advocated for cost-effective conservation and renewable energy resources, accounting for environmental costs in resource choices, ensuring fair access to NW resources, and actively engaging the public in energy decision making. NWECC's membership draws from the four Northwest states, California and British Columbia.

D. Besides representing many ratepayers in Oregon, NWECC has special interests in these proceedings in ensuring that NW Natural's rates best serve the interests of ratepayers, especially those with limited incomes, and contribute to improvements in the environment. NWECC was actively involved in the original NWN Decoupling docket.

NWECC's involvement will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record nor delay the proceeding. We offer this process considerable expertise in the area of price signals and decoupling. For the reasons stated above, NWECC respectfully requests that it be allowed to intervene in this matter.

Dated this ninth day of May, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Weiss,
Senior Policy Associate,
NW Energy Coalition