

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,

ADVICE 20-19, SCHEDULE 198
RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS
RECOVERY MECHANISM

ALLIANCE OF WESTERN ENERGY
CONSUMERS' PETITION TO
INTERVENE

**EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION
REQUESTED**

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 name and address of AWEC as a party of record in this proceeding is:

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2. AWEC is a non-profit association with a membership consisting of more than 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, dba NW Natural (“NW Natural”).

3. This docket is related to NW Natural’s request for approval of a renewable natural gas recovery mechanism to enable the company to recover qualified investments outside of a general rate case. Because AWEC member companies purchase sales and transportation services from NW Natural, AWEC has a direct and substantial interest in NW Natural’s application and, therefore, in this proceeding.

4. 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.

5. AWEC requests expedited consideration of this Petition to facilitate the review of confidential information.

6. AWEC contacted the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board, Commission Staff and NW Natural and no party objects to this intervention or the expedited request.

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

Dated this 16th day of September, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



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