BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 2132

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL

Notice of Application to Defer Costs Associated with NW Natural's Horizon 1 Project. 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 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, aerospace, and healthcare providers. 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, d/b/a NW Natural.
- 3. On November 30, 2020 NW Natural filed a notice to defer costs associated with its Horizon 1 Project. Because AWEC member companies purchase sales and transportation services from NW Natural, AWEC has a direct and substantial interest in NW Natural's request 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.

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

Dated this 9th day of December 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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