

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

LC 64

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS  
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,

2016 Integrated Resource Plan.

RULING

DISPOSITION:      PETITION TO INTERVENE GRANTED FOR LIMITED  
PURPOSES

On November 18, 2016, the Oregon Department of Energy filed a petition to intervene in this docket. Although proceedings to review a utility's integrated resource plan (IRP) are not considered contested case proceedings under ORS 183.310(2), obtaining party status is necessary to be placed on the service list to receive copies of filings made by other parties and to be eligible to sign a protective order to obtain access to protected information. For those reasons, the Commission will grant petitions to intervene in IRP dockets, even though party status does not confer the general rights and duties granted to individuals who participate in contested case proceedings.

The petition to intervene, filed by the Oregon Department of Energy is granted for the limited purposes described above.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2016 at Salem, Oregon.



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Patrick Power  
Administrative Law Judge