BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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| In the Matter of |) | |
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| PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON |))) | RULING |
| Staff Request to Open an Investigation Related to Deferred Accounting. |))) | |

DISPOSITION: PETITION TO INTERVENE GRANTED

A petition to intervene was filed on behalf of the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade) on July 22, 2004. Upon review of this petition, I find that Cascade has sufficient interest in the proceeding, and that its appearance and participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding. *See* OAR 860-013-0021.

Cascade's petition to intervene is conditionally granted. Any person wishing to contest the petition may do so within 10 days of service of the petition. If no person files an objection to the petition, the petition is finally granted when the period for objections is past.

Dated this 27th day of July, 2004, at Salem, Oregon.

Traci A. G. Kirkpatrick Administrative Law Judge