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Oregon Public Utility Commission
Attn: Filing Center
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Re: Avista Utilities' 2009 Natural Gas Integrated Resource Plan
Docket No. LC-49

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed please find the original and one (1) copy of the NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS' PETITION TO INTERVENE and WAIVER OF PAPER SERVICE in the above-referenced docket.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Chad M. Stokes

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Enclosure(s)

cc: LC 49 Service List

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

LC 49

In the Matter of the)	
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AVISTA UTILITIES)	THE NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL
)	GAS USERS' PETITION TO
2009 Natural Gas Integrated Resource)	INTERVENE AND WAIVER OF
Plan)	PAPER SERVICE
)	

Pursuant to ORS § 756.525 and OAR § 860-012-0001, the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (“NWIGU”) hereby submit this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding and seek party status as provided in OAR § 860-011-0035(7). In support of this Petition, NWIGU states as follows:

1. The name and address of NWIGU as a party of record in this proceeding is:

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2. NWIGU is a non-profit association comprised of thirty-eight end users of natural gas with major facilities in the States of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. NWIGU members include diverse industrial interests, including 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. NWIGU member companies purchase transportation services from Northwest Pipeline GP and TransCanada Gas Transmission Northwest Corporation, and purchase sales and transportation services from Oregon local distribution companies (“LDCs”), including Avista Corporation d/b/a Avista Utilities (Avista), that acquire service from the interstate pipelines.

3. On December 30, 2009, Avista filed its 2009 Integrated Resource Plan, which will guide future natural gas resource acquisitions and commitments by Avista. As customers of Avista, NWIGU member companies will be impacted by decisions made by Avista as guided by the IRP process. NWIGU therefore has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding. No other party can adequately represent NWIGU member companies’ interest, and NWIGU will be affected by any Commission determination made in this proceeding.

4. NWIGU has participated in past IRP processes for Oregon’s gas utilities. Accordingly, NWIGU’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. NWIGU waives paper service of documents in this proceeding.

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

Dated this 14th day of January, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that I have on this day served the foregoing document upon all parties of record in this proceeding via electronic mail and/or by mailing a copy properly addressed with first class postage prepaid.

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