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Oregon Public Utility Commission
Attn: Filing Center
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Salem, Oregon 97301-2148

Re: **DOCKET UM 1283: In the Matter of MDU Resources Group, Inc.,
Application for Authorization to Acquire Cascade Natural Gas
Corporation**

Petition to Intervene of NW Natural

Enclosed please find NW Natural's Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced docket.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ C. Alex Miller

C. Alex Miller
Director, Regulatory Affairs

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cc: UM 1283 Service List

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON

UM 1283

In the Matter of)
)
MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC.,) NW NATURAL'S
) PETITION TO INTERVENE
)
Application for Authorized to Acquire)
Cascade Natural Gas Corporation.)

Pursuant to ORS 756.525 and OAR 860-13-0021, Northwest Natural Gas Company ("NW Natural") petitions to intervene in this proceeding. In support of this petition, NW Natural states:

1.

NW Natural is a natural gas utility located in the state of Oregon and is subject to the supervision and regulation of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (the "Commission").

2.

Communications to NW Natural concerning this proceeding should be addressed to:

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3.

NW Natural's interest in this proceeding is that the policies developed in the docket are of interest to all energy providers in Oregon and also may have application to the company. No other party is capable of adequately representing NW Natural's interests. NW Natural does not raise specific issues at this time, but reserves the right to raise issues as the case develops.

4.

NW Natural's participation in this proceeding will assist the Commission in resolving the issues before it and will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record or unreasonably delay the proceedings. No other party can adequately represent interests in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, NW Natural respectfully requests that the Commission grant this petition to intervene.

DATED: December 7, 2006.

NW NATURAL

/s/ C. Alex Miller
C. Alex Miller
Director, Regulatory Affairs



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 7th day of December, 2006, I served the foregoing NORTHWEST NATURAL'S PETITION TO INTERVENE upon all parties on the service list in this docket by mailing a copy properly addressed with first class postage prepaid and/or via electronic mail.

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