

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

UM 1283

In the Matter of)
MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC.)
Application for Authorization to Acquire) **Petition to Intervene**
Cascade Natural Gas Corporation) **of the**
) **NW Energy Coalition**

The NW Energy Coalition (NWECC) hereby petitions to intervene in the above-referenced proceedings as an intervenor party pursuant to OAR 860-13-021. In support of this Petition to Intervene, NWECC asserts the following:

A. NWECC's business address is:

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B. NWECC will be represented by Sr. Policy Associate Steven Weiss who is designated for service of all documents at the following address:

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C. NWECC is a private, non-profit alliance of more than 100 consumer groups, low-income action agencies and advocacy organizations, good-government groups, environmental organizations and progressive utilities in the four Northwest states, California and British Columbia. For the past 25 years, NWECC has promoted equity in ratemaking, and advocated for cost-effective conservation, accounting for environmental costs in resource choices, and engagement of the public in energy decision making.

D. Besides representing many of CNG's Oregon and Washington customers, NWECC has special interests in this proceeding in ensuring that MDU's ownership best serves the interests of those with limited incomes, and contributes environmental improvements.

NWECC's involvement will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record nor delay the proceeding. For the reasons stated above, NWECC respectfully requests that it be allowed to intervene in this matter.

Dated this eleventh day of December, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Weiss,
Senior Policy Associate,
NW Energy Coalition

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I certify that on the 11th day of December, 2006 I served the foregoing document (Petition to Intervene of the NW Energy Coalition) upon all parties of record in this proceeding by e-mail.

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