

December 8, 2006

Oregon Public Utility Commission
550 Capitol Street NE, #215
P.O. Box 2148
Salem, OR 97301-2148

Re: In the Matter of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
Application for Authorization to Acquire Cascade
Natural Gas Corporation
Docket No. UM 1283

Attn: Administrative Law Judge Christina Hayes

Dear Judge Hayes:

Enclosed for filing, please find an original and five copies of Community Action Directors of Oregon and Oregon Energy Coordinators Association petition to intervene in the above mentioned matter. .

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

/s/ Thomas James (Jim) Abrahamson

Jim Abrahamson
Oregon Energy Partnership Coordinator

Enclosures
cc: Service List

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1283

In the Matter of:)
Application of MDU Resources) PETITION TO INTERVENE OF THE
Group, Inc. for Authorization to) COMMUNITY ACTION DIRECTORS
Acquire Cascade Natural Gas) OF OREGON (CADO) AND OREGON
Corporation) ENERGY COORDINATORS ASSN.
) (OECA)
)

Pursuant to OAR 860-12-0001 the Community Action Directors of Oregon and Oregon Energy Coordinators Association petitions to intervene in this proceeding. In support of its petition, CADO and OECA represent as follows:

1. The business address of CADO is:

Tom Clancey-Burns, President
Community Action Directors of Oregon
545 SW 2nd, Suite A
Corvallis, Oregon 97333-4466

The business address of OECA is:

Kraig Ludwig, President
Oregon Energy Coordinators Association
800 E. Second Street
McMinnville, Oregon 97128

2. CADO and OECA will be represented in this proceeding by Jim Abrahamson Coordinator, Oregon Energy Partnership (OEP). All documents relating to this proceeding should be served to CADO and OECA at the following address:

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3. CADO and OECA are non-profit associations of low-income service agencies across Oregon. These agencies work with over 40,000 low-income utility households a year. Several CADO and OECA member agencies deliver programs and services to low-income customers of Cascade Natural Gas in Oregon that are attempting to make timely payment of their bills and/or are qualified for low-income weatherization assistance.

4. CADO and OECA have a substantial interest in the impact of this proposed acquisition on the clients we serve who are also Cascade Natural Gas ratepayers. CADO and OECA seek to intervene to ensure that the proposed acquisition complies with Oregon law (ORS 757.511) and that applicants both protect, and expand, programs and funding sources aimed at easing low income customers' energy burden.

5. CADO and OECA believe that our past experience in intervening in OPUC utility application such as UM 1209, UM 1121, UE 102, UM 918, UG 143, our efforts in helping to develop and shape low-income bill payment assistance and weatherization programs, and our efforts that impacted the development of electric restructuring legislation (SB 1149) provide expertise that will assist the Commission in their consideration of this proposed acquisition. Further, both CADO and OECA were signatories to the stipulation in UG 167 which provided funding for the recently implemented Cascade Natural Gas low income bill payment assistance and weatherization programs.

Respectfully submitted, this 8th day
of December, 2006

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on December 8, 2006 I served a copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene, and a signed copy of the General Protective Order, electronically on all parties listed on the UM 1283 service list.

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