

ISSUED: January 3, 2007

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 1283

In the Matter of	)	
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MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC.,	)	RULING
	)	
Application for Authorization to Acquire	)	
Cascade Natural Gas Corporation.	)	

**DISPOSITION: PETITION TO INTERVENE GRANTED**

On December 11, 2006, NW Energy Coalition (NVEC) filed a petition to intervene. No party objected to the petition. NVEC states that it represents more than 100 consumer groups, low-income action agencies and advocacy organizations, and others in the Western region. NVEC represents many customers of Cascade Natural Gas, and also states that it has a special interest in this proceeding in ensuring that MDU's ownership best serves the interests of those with limited incomes, and contributes environmental improvements. NVEC further states that it will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record nor delay the proceeding.

The petitioner has sufficient interest in this proceeding and its appearance will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or delay the proceedings. OAR 860-012-0001. Accordingly, the petition is granted.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 3rd day of January, 2007.

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Christina M. Hayes  
Administrative Law Judge