BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint Application of MDU RESOURCE GROUP, INC. and CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION)) Docket No. UG-061721)
For an Order Authorizing PROPOSED Transaction))) LATE FILLED PETITION TO INTERVENE) ON BEHALF OF THE ENERGY PROJECT))
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Pursuant to WAC 480-07-355, The Energy Project petitions the Commission for leave to intervene in the above docket. The Energy Project was a party in Cascade Natural Gas' last general rate case UG-069256. The good cause that the Energy Project relies on in this late filed petition is: The Energy Project did not receive notice of this proceeding, timely or otherwise. Although all other parties in Cascade Natural Gas' recent general rate case were sent notice of the prehearing conference in UG-061721, The Energy Project did not. Mr. Eberdt of The Energy Project contacted the Commission's record center in early March 2007, and was told by Ms. Lisa Wyse, manager of Records Management, that The Energy Project was not included on a list of parties who received notice of the pre-hearing conference.

The Energy Project has contacted all parties in this docket and no party has an objection to our petition for late intervention. We recognize that this docket has advanced several months since the pre hearing conference order was issued but The Energy Project if the petition is granted will seek no delays in the procedural schedule and at this time does not plan to offer any witness.

The Energy Project's late petition will not prejudice any party or delay this matter from proceeding in accordance to the schedule.

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The Energy Project works with Community Action Agencies that provide rate assistance

and energy efficiency programs to low income customers of Cascade Natural Gas. The Energy

Project also works with utilities to develop and expand rate assistance, energy efficiency

programs for low income customers. The Energy Project is a frequent party in general rate cases,

mergers, and other dockets when energy affordability and customer service polices are at issue.

The Energy Project is interested in examining the policies of this newly formed utility as they

affect low income customers if an order is granted by the Commission that allows the proposed

transaction.

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The Energy Project has a substantial interest in the proposed transaction and will be the only

party to focus its inquiry solely on the interests of low income customers. The Energy Project's

intervention in this docket will not unreasonably broaden the issues, or delay the proceeding. It is

in the public interest to grant this late filed petition of The Energy Project.

The Energy Project respectfully petitions the Commission to allow this late filed petition.

Dated in Seattle, Washington, this 13 day of March, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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