

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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| WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, |) | |
| |) | Docket No. UG_080546 |
| Complainant, |) | |
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| v. |) | |
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| NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY |) | PETITION TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF THE ENERGY PROJECT |
| |) | |
| Respondent. |) | |

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 Northwest Natural Gas's last general rate case .

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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 NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY. 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 and other dockets when energy affordability and customer service polices are at issue. The Energy Project which advocates for the interest of low income customers of NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY and is concerned about the effect a rate increase and increase in the customer charge will have on those customers being able to afford gas service for their family homes

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 petition of The Energy Project.

The Energy Project respectfully requests the Commission to allow our petition to intervene in this docket.

Dated in Seattle, Washington, this 21 day of April, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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