

BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET NOS. UE-060266
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	UE-060267
Complainant,)	
)	NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS
v.)	USERS' PETITION TO INTERVENE
)	
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.,)	
Respondent.)	
_____)	

The Northwest Industrial Gas Users ("NWIGU") hereby submits this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceedings.

1. The following name and address for NWIGU should be included on the official list of parties of record in these proceedings, and all correspondence and communications concerning these proceedings should be addressed to:

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2. This Petition to Intervene is submitted pursuant to WAC § 480-07-355. As required by WAC §480-07-145(2) (d), NWIGU has provided this Petition by electronic mail. In support of this Petition to Intervene, NWIGU states the following:

3. NWIGU is a nonprofit association comprised of thirty-two end-users of natural gas with major facilities in the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho. NWIGU members include diverse industrial interests, including food processing, pulp and paper, wood products, electric generation, aluminum, steel, chemicals, electronics and aerospace. The association provides an information service to its members and participates in various regulatory matters that affect member interests. NWIGU member companies purchase natural gas sales and transportation services from local distribution companies (“LDCs”), including Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (“PSE” or the “Company”).

4. On February 15, 2006, PSE submitted to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“WUTC” or “Commission”) a filing requesting general rate increases for both its gas and electric services. PSE’s filing proposes to increase its retail electric rates by approximately \$148.8 million, or approximately 9.21 percent. PSE also seeks to increase the rates it charges for natural gas services by \$51.3 million, which is approximately a 5.34 percent increase in the Company’s current rate.

5. As a combined gas and electric utility, PSE’s request for authority to charge higher rates for both its electric and natural gas delivery services will impact the interests of NWIGU member companies. NWIGU members have a direct and substantial interest in PSE’s request for authority to increase the rates charged to its natural gas customers. No other party can adequately represent NWIGU member companies’ interests, and the Commission’s determination in this proceeding will directly affect NWIGU member companies.

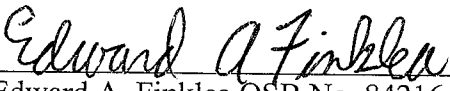
6. NWIGU reserves the right to propound data requests, review responses to data requests, submit testimony and exhibits, call witnesses, cross-examine all witnesses called by other parties and submit any written arguments and motions that may be appropriate to represent its interests in these proceedings.

7. NWIGU’s participation in these proceedings will assist the Commission in resolving the issues in these proceedings and will not unreasonably broaden the issues, unduly burden the record, or delay these proceedings.

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing, NWIGU respectfully requests leave to intervene as a party in these proceedings, with all of the procedural and substantive rights associated with full party status as described in WAC §480-07-340.

DATED: March 15, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on March 15, 2006 I caused to be served the foregoing NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS' PETITION TO INTERVENE upon all parties of record on the following current service list of these proceedings by mailing a copy properly addressed with first class postage prepaid:

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