

**BEFORE THE  
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	)	DOCKET NO. UG-170929
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Complainant,	)	NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS
	)	USERS' PETITION TO INTERVENE
v.	)	
	)	
CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION,	)	
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Respondent.	)	

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1. Northwest Industrial Gas Users ("NWIGU") hereby submits this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding.
  
2. The following name and address for NWIGU should be included on the official list of parties of record in this proceeding, and all correspondence and communications concerning this proceeding should be addressed to:

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Edward Finklea is designated as the person to receive service of documents on behalf of NWIGU in this proceeding.

3. Chad Stokes and Tommy Brooks of Cable Huston will represent NWIGU in this proceeding and are filing a separate Notice of Appearance as required in WAC §480-07-345(2).

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4. This Petition to Intervene is submitted pursuant to WAC §480-07-355. As required by WAC §480-07-140(5), NWIGU has provided this Petition through the Commission's web portal. In support of this Petition, NWIGU states the following:

5. NWIGU is a non-profit association comprising approximately forty end users of natural gas with major facilities in the states of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. NWIGU members include diverse industrial and commercial interests, including food processing, pulp and paper, wood products, electric generation, aluminum, steel, chemicals, electronics, aerospace, and healthcare providers. The association provides an informational service to its members and participates in various regulatory matters that affect member interests. NWIGU member companies purchase sales and transportation services from Washington local distribution companies ("LDCs"), including Cascade Natural Gas Corporation ("Cascade").

6. On August 31, 2017, Cascade filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("WUTC") a request for a general rate increase for gas service to its customers in the state of Washington. The new filed rate case proposes nearly \$5.89 million in additional

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revenue to be effective October 1, 2017. The result is a 2.71% increase in base rates for all customers.

7. Cascade's request for authority to charge higher rates for its natural gas services will impact the interests of NWIGU member companies. NWIGU members have a direct and substantial interest in Cascade's request for authority to increase the rates charged to 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.
8. 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 this proceeding.
9. NWIGU's participation in this proceeding will assist the Commission in resolving the issues in this proceeding and will not unreasonably broaden the issues, unduly burden the record, or delay this proceeding.

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

Dated: September 1, 2017

Respectfully submitted,



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