

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

Washington Utilities and Transportation	)	
Commission,	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<b>Docket NO. UG-060256</b>
	)	
Cascade Natural Gas Corporation,	)	
Respondent.	)	

The NW Energy Coalition (“Coalition”) hereby requests permission to intervene in the above referenced proceeding. In support of this Petition to Intervene, the Coalition asserts the following:

A. The Coalition’s business address is:

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Seattle, WA 98104

B. The Coalition will be represented in this matter by Nancy Glaser and Senior Policy Associate Danielle Dixon. Nancy Glaser is designated for service of all documents in this matter at the address provided above. A separate notice of appearance is being filed with the Commission, as required by WAC 480-07-345(2). Ms. Glaser can be reached at 206-621-0094, nglaser@nwenergy.org, fax 206-621-0097.

C. The Coalition is a non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Coalition has approximately 200 individual members and 35 organizational members located in Washington, representing more than 300,000 citizens. The Coalition’s primary purpose is to promote an energy future that is clean, reliable, affordable, and equitable. Due to its historic and ongoing work with utility companies and others to achieve these goals, the Coalition possesses unique interest in the outcome of this proceeding.

D. The Coalition has a special interest in this proceeding for the following reasons:  
(1) Coalition members will be directly affected by rate changes and cost shifting among customer classes that may result from this proceeding; (2) rate design modifications that occur as a result of this proceeding may affect customer investment in energy efficiency and impact low-income customers; (3) proposed changes to fees and prior obligation requirements will affect low income customers; (4) proposed mechanisms for decoupling may affect the utility’s acquisition of energy efficiency; and (5) possible expansion of the bill assistance program will affect

Coalition organizational members who serve the needs of low-income customers. The Coalition intends to examine these and other issues in this proceeding.

E. The Coalition offers this process considerable expertise in the area of resource planning, industry structure, and economic and policy analysis. The Coalition has participated in numerous rate cases, mergers, and resource planning proceedings in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana, including Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's latest Integrated Resource Planning Process.

F. The Coalition has no intention of unreasonably broadening the issues, burdening the record or delaying the proceeding through its intervention.

For the foregoing reasons, the Coalition requests the Commission grant its motion to intervene in this matter.

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Respectfully submitted,

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