

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of	)	DOCKET NO. UG-101656
	)	
CASCADE NATURAL GAS	)	
	)	NW Energy Coalition's
For an Accounting Order Authorizing	)	Petition to Intervene
Deferred Accounting Treatment of	)	
Loss in Margin Due to Company	)	
Sponsored Conservation Programs	)	
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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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B. The Coalition will be represented in this matter by David S. Johnson, Attorney, and Senior Policy Associate Danielle Dixon. Mr. Johnson and Ms. Dixon are designated for service of all documents in this matter. They have separately filed a notice of appearance with the Commission, as required by WAC 480-07-345(2). They can be reached at 206-621-0094, fax 206-621-0097, emails: [david@nwenergy.org](mailto:david@nwenergy.org), [danielle@nwenergy.org](mailto:danielle@nwenergy.org).

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) the Coalition was a party to the settlement agreement in Cascade Natural Gas’ (CNG) 2006 general rate case, including the provisions related to establishing a decoupling mechanism; (2) the Coalition is an active participant in CNG’s Conservation Advisory Group and decisions in this proceeding may affect the company’s future investment in energy efficiency; and (3) the

Coalition actively participated in the Commission's Conservation Incentive Inquiry (Docket No. U-100522), the results of which likely will have some bearing in this case. The Coalition intends to examine these and related issues in this proceeding.

E. The Coalition offers this process considerable expertise in the area of resource planning, energy efficiency investments, 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.

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

For the foregoing reasons, the Coalition requests the Commission grant its Petition to Intervene in this matter.

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Respectfully submitted,

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