

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

RICHARD G. REITEN

Richard G. Reiten joined Northwest Natural January 1, 1996 as President and Chief Operating Officer. Effective January 1, 1997 he was named President and Chief Executive Officer, and in September 2000 was also elected Chairman of the Board. With the election of a new CEO in December 2002, Mr. Reiten continues as Chairman of the Board.

From August 1992 to December 1995, Mr. Reiten served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Portland General Electric, after serving as President of Portland General Corporation from January 1989 until July 1992.

From July 1987 to December 1988 Mr. Reiten served as Director of the Oregon Economic Development Department and Chair for development of the State of Oregon Strategic Plan.

From 1980 until early 1987, he was President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Nicolai Company, a Portland based manufacturer of veneer and residential doors.

From 1971 to 1979 Mr. Reiten served as President of the Building Materials Group of DiGiorgio Corporation in San Francisco. He served as Vice President of Hearin Products, a manufacturer and distributor of building materials from 1966 to 1971, when Hearin was acquired by the DiGiorgio Corporation. At that time he was named President.

Mr. Reiten serves on the boards of directors for: Northwest Natural, AEGIS Insurance Services, The Regence Group, U.S. Bancorp, Building Materials Holding Corporation and ESCO Corporation. He formerly served on the boards of Portland General Corporation and Portland General Electric, and DiGiorgio Corporation, San Francisco. He serves on the board of the American Gas Association and was elected Chairman effective January 1, 2003. He formerly served on the boards of the Pacific Coast Gas Association and Northwest Gas Association.

Mr. Reiten's civic activities include: 1998 General Chair, United Way Campaign; Past Chairman, Portland Chamber of Commerce and Association for Portland Progress. He continues to serve as a director of the Oregon Business Council. He is also a trustee of The Nature Conservancy of Oregon and Portland Art Museum.

Mr. Reiten's skill in dealing with the international business community led to his appointment in 1988 to the Inter Governmental Advisory Council to the U.S. Trade Representative in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Reiten graduated from Bellevue High School, Bellevue, Washington. He holds a BA in Business Administration from the University of Washington and completed the Executive, and Board of Directors Programs at Stanford School of Business.

Mr. Reiten resides in Portland with his wife, Jean. They have three grown children: Patrick, Christopher and Holly Lynne.