

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

**LC 60**

In the Matter of	)	
	)	CUB’S REQUEST FOR AN
	)	ISSUE FUND GRANT &
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS	)	PROPOSED BUDGET
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL	)	
	)	
2014 Integrated Resource Plan	)	
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The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (“CUB”) hereby files its Request for an Issue Fund Grant & Proposed Budget in docket LC 60. Due to outstanding budget requests in other NW Natural dockets, there are currently no uncommitted issue funds in NW Natural’s 2014 Issue Fund; however, because the process in this docket continues into 2015, CUB requests that the Commission approve its request for an issue fund grant from NW Natural’s 2015 Issue Fund.<sup>1</sup> CUB staff has been, and will continue, to keep track of their participation by hours and activity.

CUB is precertified as per OAR 860-001-0120(3)(a). LC 60 is an eligible proceeding under the Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”), as approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission in Order No. 12-452, entered November 20, 2012. The proceeding directly affects NW Natural, which is a participating public utility under the IFA. *See* Order No. 12-452 at Article 1(k). CUB

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<sup>1</sup> IFA Article 4.4 states that “the Commission may approve an Issue Fund Grant from the funds that will be made available in the next calendar year when the proceeding for which the Issue Fund Grant is sought is expected to continue into that year and funds in the current year Issue Fund are inadequate to provide the level of Issue Fund Grants that the Commission determines is appropriate.”

filed its Notice of Intent to Request a NW Natural Issue Fund Grant on October 29, 2014, and requested waiver of the requirement found in IFA Article 6.2. CUB also requests a waiver of IFA Article 6.3, which sets the deadline for submitting proposed budgets at 30 days after the prehearing conference at which the schedule for the proceeding is established or by such other date as the Commission designates. The deadline for proposed budgets in LC 60 was set for October 6, 2014. Due to a lack of funds in NW Natural's 2014 Issue Fund, CUB did not file a budget at that time; however, CUB has subsequently determined to make its request from NW Natural's 2015 Issue Fund.<sup>2</sup>

Pursuant to paragraph 6.3 of the IFA, the proposed budget must identify certain points of information. CUB provides the information below.

*(a) Statement of Work to Be Performed:* CUB intends to participate in every procedural aspect of this case. CUB has participated in all or most workshops prior to the filing of NW Natural's 2014 Integrated Resource Plan. CUB participated in the pre-hearing conference. We will attend and participate in all or most workshops, Commission presentations and public meetings. We will continue to review and analyze NW Natural's IRP and comments. We will review and analyze comments filed by other parties. We will pursue discovery of NW Natural through data requests. We will file opening and final comments, and present our recommendations to the Commission, including any proposed modifications or conditions.

*(b) Description of Areas to Be Investigated:* CUB intends to investigate issues including, but not limited to:

A. NW Natural's North Mist expansion;

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<sup>2</sup> See CUB's Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant in docket LC 60, filed October 29, 2014.

- B. NW Natural's hedging policies;
- C. Energy efficiency; and
- D. Issues raised by other parties to the proceeding.

*(c) Description of the Class or Classes Benefiting from CUB's Participation:*

CUB represents the interests of NW Natural's residential customers, though other customer classes may benefit from many aspects of our participation.

*(d) The Fund from Which CUB Seeks an Issue Fund Grant & Available Funds:*

CUB is seeking an issue fund grant from the NW Natural Issue Fund. CUB's budget shows eligible expenses of \$19,025 and requests an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$15,220. As of September 30, 2014, the uncommitted balance of NW Natural's 2014 issue fund was \$0. Because this docket is scheduled to continue into 2015, CUB requests that funds be made available from NW Natural's 2015 Issue Fund.

*(e) The Budget Showing Estimated Fees and Costs:*

CUB's budget accompanies this document as Attachment A.

*(f) A Representation of the Use of Matching Funds:*

The budget and an accounting for the use of matching funds accompany this document as Attachment A.

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Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sommer Templet". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Attachment A

**CUB Budget - LC 60**

<b>CUB Internal Expenses</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$250	20	\$5,000
Catriona McCracken, General Counsel	\$250	15	\$3,750
Jaime McGovern, Sr. Utility Analyst	\$225	8	\$1,800
Nadine Hanhan, Utility Analyst	\$125	60	\$7,500
Sommer Templet, Staff Attorney	\$175	5	\$875
<i>Other Expenses</i>			
Printing & Mailing			\$25
Travel			\$75
<b>In-House Resources</b>			
20% of Eligible Expenses			(\$3,805)
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$15,220</b>

## LC 60 – CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014, I served the foregoing **CUB’S REQUEST FOR AN ISSUE FUND GRANT & PROPOSED BUDGET** in docket LC 60 upon each party listed in the LC 60 PUC Service List by email and, where paper service is not waived, by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, and upon the Commission by email and by sending one original and one copy by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the Commission’s Salem offices.

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**(C denotes service of Confidential material authorized)**

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