

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**OF OREGON**

**LC 64**

In the Matter of	)	
	)	CUB REQUEST FOR AN ISSUE FUND
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY,	)	GRANT & PROPOSED BUDGET
dba NW NATURAL,	)	
	)	
<u>2016 Integrated Resource Plan</u>	)	

The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (“CUB”) estimates eligible expenses of \$15,000 before the 20% match, and requests a grant of \$12,000 from the 2016 Northwest Natural (“NWN”) Issue Fund. CUB staff have been tracking their participation in this docket by hours and activity.

CUB is pre-certified per OAR 860-012-0100(3)(a). LC 64 is an eligible proceeding under the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”), as approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission in Order No. 15-335, entered October 20, 2015. The proceeding directly affects NW Natural, which is a participating public utility under the IFA. *See* IFA at Article 1(k). CUB filed its Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant on February 4, 2016, concurrent with its Notice of Intervention, as required by the IFA (Article 6.2).

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 or will be participating in the prehearing conference, all workshops, and settlement meetings. CUB will also attend and participate in the hearing scheduled for this docket. CUB will reviewed and analyze the testimony and briefs filed in this docket, and will review the briefs yet to be filed. We have pursued discovery of NW Natural through data requests. We will file testimony and a prehearing brief and will participate in the hearing and

file a post-hearing brief in this docket.

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

- i. The effect of the changes to how the Company models peak usage;
- ii. Potential new investments, including the Tualatin expansion, and the dehydrator;
- iii. Accelerated depreciation;
- iv. New mist investment.

*(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 a \$12,000 grant from the 2016 NWN Issue Fund. CUB's budget shows eligible expenses, before the match, of \$15,000, but CUB limits its request in this case to \$12,000. Section 4.4 of the IFA permits the Commission to "approve an Issue Fund Grant from funds that will be made available in the next calendar year when the proceeding for which the Issue Fund are inadequate to provide the level of Issue Fund Grants that the Commission determines is appropriate." CUB respectfully requests that the Commission approve CUB's request for a \$12,000 grant from the 2016 NW Natural 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 18th day of July, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Jenks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Bob Jenks  
Executive Director  
Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon

## CUB Proposed Budget -- LC 64

<b>CUB Internal Expenses</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$250	24.00	\$6,000.00
Jaime McGovern, Senior Economist	\$225	20.00	\$4,500.00
Staff Attorney	\$175	20.00	\$3,500.00
Paralegal	\$75	12.00	\$900.00
<i>Other Expenses</i>			
Printing, Mailing & Travel			\$100.00
Total Expenses			\$15,000.00
<b>In-House Resources</b>			
20% of Eligible Expenses			(\$3,000)
<b>Total Request</b>			<b>\$12,000</b>