

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

LC 71

In the Matter of)	
)	CUB REQUEST FOR AN ISSUE
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS)	FUND GRANT & PROPOSED
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL)	BUDGET
2018 Integrated Resource Plan.)	

The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (“CUB”) estimates eligible expenses of \$30,000 before the 20% match, and requests a grant of \$24,000 from the 2018 NW NATURAL Issue Fund. CUB has been tracking its participation in this docket by hours and activity.

CUB is pre-certified per OAR 860-012-0100(3)(a). LC 71 is an eligible proceeding under the Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”), as approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission in Order No. 18-017, entered January 17, 2018. The proceeding directly affects NW NATURAL, which is a participating public utility under the IFA. *See* IFA at Article 1(n). The IFA defines an Eligible Proceeding for Issue Funds as “iii. an Integrated Resource Plan.” IFA, Article 1(c). LC 71 is NW NATURAL’s Integrated Resource Plan; thus, an Issue Fund Grant may be made for this proceeding under Article 6.1 of the IFA.

Article 6.2 of the IFA requires an intervenor seeking and Issue Fund Grant to file a Notice of Intent to Request and Issue Fund Grant.

Article 6.3 of the IFA requires an intervenor seeking and Issue Fund Grant to file a proposed budget within 30 days after the prehearing conference at which the schedule for the proceeding is established.

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 participated in the prehearing conference and will participate in all workshops and settlement meetings. CUB will also attend and participate in the hearing scheduled for this docket. CUB has reviewed and analyzed 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 and we will respond to data requests asked of us. We will file testimony and briefs, and we will participate in the scheduled hearings in this docket.

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

- i. NW NATURAL's projected load and resource balance;
- ii. NW NATURAL's analysis of Renewable Natural Gas
- iii. NW NATURAL's proposed recall of Mist Interstate Storage.
- iv. Examine NW NATURAL's assumed useful life of capital investments.

(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 \$24,000 grant from the 2018 NW NATURAL Issue Fund. CUB's budget shows eligible expenses of \$30,000. CUB respectfully requests that the Commission approve CUB's request for a \$24,000 grant from the 2017 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.

Dated this 30th day of August, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Bob Jenks
Executive Director
Oregon Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon

CUB Proposed Budget -- LC 71

CUB Internal Expenses	Rate	Hours	Cost
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$250	50.00	\$12,500.00
Michael Goetz, Staff Attorney	\$225	30.00	\$6,750.00
Essie Bender, Office Manager/Paralegal	\$100	6.50	\$650.00
Will Gehrke, Economist	\$200	50.00	\$10,000.00
<i>Other Expenses</i>			
Printing, Mailing & Travel			\$100.00
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In-House Resources			
20% of Eligible Expenses			(\$6,000)
Total			\$24,000