

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

**LC 83**

In the Matter of	)	
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CASCADE NATURAL GAS	)	CUB REQUEST FOR AN ISSUE
CORPORATION'S,	)	FUND GRANT & PROPOSED
	)	BUDGET
2023 Integrated Resource Plan.	)	
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The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB) requests a grant of \$35,000 from the 2023 Cascade Natural Gas Corporation Issue Fund. CUB has been tracking its participation in this docket by hours and activity.

CUB is pre-certified per OAR 860-001-0120(3)(a). LC 83 is an eligible proceeding under the Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA), as approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission in Order No. 22-506, entered December 29, 2022. The proceeding directly affects Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, which is a participating public utility under the IFA. *See* IFA at Article 1(k). The IFA defines an Eligible Proceeding for Issue Funds as “an Integrated Resource Plan,” IFA, Article 1(e)(iii). LC 83 is Cascade Natural Gas Corporation’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 an Issue Fund Grant to file a Notice of Intent to Request and Issue Fund Grant. CUB filed its Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as required by the IFA (Article 6.2).

Article 6.3 of the IFA requires an intervenor seeking an 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 Article 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 in this proceeding. CUB will review and analyze the comments filed in this docket. We will pursue discovery of Cascade Natural Gas Corporation through information requests and we will respond to information requests asked of us. We will file comments and will participate in any public meetings addressing this proceeding.

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

- i. Preferred Portfolio and Action Plan;
- ii. Analysis of Risk Associated with each Portfolio;
- iii. Capacity Needs and Projected Load Growth;
- iv. Compliance Pathway for Climate Protection Program, and;
- v. Issues Raised by Other Parties.

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

CUB represents the interests of Cascade Natural Gas Corporation'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 \$35,000 grant from the 2023 Cascade Natural Gas Corporation Issue Fund. CUB respectfully requests that the Commission approve CUB's request for a \$35,000 grant from

the 2023 Cascade Natural Gas Corporation 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



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## Attachment A

### CUB Proposed Budget -- LC 83

<b>CUB Internal Expenses</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$350	17.00	\$5,950.00
Michael Goetz, General Counsel	\$325	20.00	\$6,500.00
Jennifer Hill-Hart, Policy Manager	\$325	22.50	\$7,312.50
Will Gehrke, Senior Economist	\$300	33.50	\$10,050.00
Sharif Morton, Office Manager	\$180	5.00	\$900.00
Kate Ayres, Policy Advocate	\$250	10.00	\$2,500.00
John Garrett, Economist	\$275	35.00	\$9,625.00
Law Clerk	\$180	5.07	\$912.60
<i>Other Expenses</i>			
Travel			
<b>Subtotal</b>			\$43,750.10
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<b>In-House Resources</b>			
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20% of Eligible Expenses			\$8,750
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$35,000</b>