

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 287

In the Matter of)	
)	CUB REQUEST FOR AN ISSUE
CASCADE NATURAL GAS)	FUND GRANT & PROPOSED
CORPORATION)	BUDGET
)	
Request for a General Rate Revision)	
_____)	

The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (“CUB”) estimates eligible expenses of \$63,780 and requests a grant of \$31,283.50 from the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation’s (“Cascade”) Issue Fund. CUB staff will keep track of their participation by hours and activity.

CUB is precertified per OAR 860-012-0100(3)(a). UG 287 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 Cascade, 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 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 participated in the pre-hearing conference. We will attend, either in person or by phone, and participate in all or most workshops, settlement meetings, hearings, and any Commission presentations. We will review and analyze Cascade's testimony and briefs. We will review and analyze testimony and briefs filed by other parties. We will pursue discovery of Cascade through data requests, and will respond to data requests asked of us. We will file testimony, briefs, 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. Revenue Requirement, including wages and salaries and interstate allocation;
- B. Capital additions, including prudence review and review for used and useful standard;
- C. Environmental remediation costs;
- D. Long-run Incremental Cost Study and Rate Spread; and
- E. 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 Cascade'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 2015 Cascade Issue Fund. CUB's budget shows eligible expenses of \$63,780, but CUB limits its request in this case to \$31,283.50

due to requests that will be filed by the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (“NWIGU”). CUB’s proposed budget of \$31,283.50 would leave approximately \$37,253.50 uncommitted in the Cascade Issue Fund, which currently has an uncommitted balance of approximately \$65,567. Should the schedule in this case be modified to require substantial work in 2016, CUB may request to modify its request in this case to include funds made available in 2016.¹

- (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 15th day of June, 2015
Respectfully submitted,



Bob Jenks
Executive Director
Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon

¹ 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 Proposed Budget -- UG 287

CUB Internal Expenses	Rate	Hours	Cost
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$250	80.00	\$20,000.00
Jaime McGovern, Senior Economist	\$225	130.00	\$29,250.00
Nadine Hanhan, Utility Analyst	\$125	45.00	\$5,625.00
Sommer Templet, Staff Attorney	\$175	140.00	\$24,500.00
Lori Hymowitz, Administrative Assistant	\$75	2.00	\$150.00
<i>Other Expenses</i>			
Printing & Mailing			\$50.00
Travel			\$150.00
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In-House Resources			
20% of Eligible Expenses			(\$15,945)
Total			\$63,780
Budget Request*			\$31,283.50

*CUB's request in this docket is reduced due to the need to accommodate NWIGU's request.