

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

**UG 287**

In the Matter of	)	
CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION	)	REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF ISSUE FUND GRANT OF NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS
Application for General Rate Revision	)	
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Pursuant to Section 7.3 of the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”) approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) in Order No. 15-335 (October 20, 2015), Northwest Industrial Gas Users (“NWIGU”) hereby requests payment of NWIGU’s Issue Fund Grant in Docket No. UG 287 in the amount of \$34,283.50. In support of this request, NWIGU shows the following:

1. On June 15, 2015, NWIGU filed a Proposed Issue Fund Budget in the amount of \$69,910. That request would have resulted in an Issue Fund Grant of up to \$55,928, but based on available funds, the Commission approved an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$34,283.50. *In the Matter of Cascade Natural Gas Corporation Request for a General Rate Revision*, OPUC Docket No. UG 287, Order No. 15-198 (Jun. 22, 2015).

2. NWIGU hereby requests that the Commission authorize payment of the approved Issue Fund Grant in this docket in the amount of \$34,283.50. NWIGU’s Eligible Expenses for this proceeding through December 2015 are shown in Confidential Attachment A. NWIGU’s actual costs did not exceed its proposed budget, but did exceed

the amount of the reduced Issue Fund Grant request. NWIGU therefore seeks payment of the full amount of the approved grant and will seek Matching Funds for the remainder.

3. NWIGU respectfully submits that this request for payment satisfies the requirement of IFA Section 7.3 as follows:

Section 7.3(a) - The itemized expenses, payees and hourly rates are attached as Confidential Attachment A.

Section 7.3(b) - NWIGU was a full and active participant in this docket. NWIGU and its consultants participated in discovery in this proceeding, participated in workshops, participated in informal meetings and telephone conferences with Cascade, its consultants, Staff and CUB, and participated in settlement workshops and discussions. The expenses included in Confidential Attachment A are Eligible Expenses as defined in IFA Section 7.4 and are reasonable and directly attributable to NWIGU's participation in UG 287 on behalf of all customers.

Section 7.3(c) – The only condition of the Issue Fund Grant is that NWIGU must contribute 20% of Eligible Expenses using in-house resources. NWIGU used its own funds to pay for at least 20% of the Eligible Expenses as required by Section 6.5 of the IFA. Further, NWIGU has supplied substantial resources in this proceeding through its Executive Director's active involvement in addition to the Eligible Expenses set forth on Attachment A.

Section 7.3 (d) – This request is a request for final payment.

4. Section 7.4 – All of the expenses included in Confidential Attachment A are Eligible Expenses as defined in Section 7.4 of the IFA and are consistent with NWIGU's proposed budget in this proceeding.


5. Upon approval of this request for payment by the Commission, Cascade should send payment to NWIGU as follows:

Edward Finklea  
Executive Director  
Northwest Industrial Gas Users  
545 Grandview Drive  
Ashland, Oregon 97520

6. NWIGU has satisfied the terms of the IFA and respectfully requests that the Commission approve payment of NWIGU's Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$34,283.50 from the Cascade Issue Fund within 30 days of receiving this Request for Payment as provided in Section 7.6 of the IFA.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016.

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