

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 344

In the Matter of)	
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Northwest Natural GAS COMPANY, dba)	REQUEST FOR FINAL PAYMENT
NW NATURAL,)	OF THE OREGON CITIZENS'
)	UTILITY BOARD
Request for a General Rate Revision.)	
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Pursuant to Section 7.2 of the Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement,¹ the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board ("CUB") submits this request for final payment of \$10,385.00 of eligible expenses in docket UG 344 from the Northwest Natural Issue Fund. CUB is automatically pre-certified under Section 5.1 of the Agreement.

On February 1, 2018 CUB submitted a proposed budget with eligible expenses of \$87,500 and requested a grant of \$70,000. On February 20, 2018, in Order No. 18-058, the Commission approved CUB's grant. On August 23, 2018 CUB submitted a request for a partial payment of \$57,218.47 from the NW Natural Issue Fund. This left \$12,781.53 within the original grant.

Under Section 7.3 of the Agreement, each Issue Fund Grand Request for Payment must:

- (a) *Itemize the expenses, payees and hourly rates for amounts to be reimbursed;*
- (b) *Demonstrate that the expenses are reasonable and are directly attributable to issues and positions pursued on behalf of a particular customer class and consistent with the intervenor's proposed budget;*
- (c) *Provide information sufficient to show that the intervenor has complied with any condition or requirement of the Issue Fund Grant, including, but not limited to, documentation sufficient to show that the intervenor has satisfied the matching fund requirement (i) set forth in Section 6.5 above or (ii) as the Commission may establish as a reasonable condition on Issue Fund Grants, whichever applies; and*

¹ The Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement was approved by the Commission in Order No. 18-017 (January 17, 2018).

- (d) Specify whether the request for payment is for a progress payment or partial payment in full and indicate whether any approved budget amount may be released back to the applicable Issue Fund because the intervenor does not intend to request payment for the full approved budget amount.*
- (a) Confidential Attachment A contains a summary of CUB's expenses in this case. Confidential Attachment B provides a list of CUB activities by date and Intervenor Funding Task Category. Confidential Attachment C is copies of invoices to the respective utilities, including travel cost details, if applicable.
 - (b) The expenses incurred are reasonable and directly attributable to the issues and positions CUB addressed in UG 344 on behalf of residential customers. In support of this assertion, we supply Confidential Attachments A and B and which can be compared to CUB's Issue Fund Budget in this case.
 - (c) CUB has satisfied the matching fund requirement as demonstrated in Attachment A, the summary of CUB's expenses.

In this filing, CUB documents \$12,920 in additional expenses since the partial payment and requests a final payment of \$10,385.00 from the NWN Issues Fund. *See Confidential Attachment A, CUB Expense Summary.* The attached documents should allow the Commission to track the time spent on the elements of the case, and we believe that this filing meets the requirements of the Commission. Since there is \$12,781.53 remaining in the original grant, CUB releases the remaining \$2,396.53.

Respectfully submitted,
November 3, 2018



Bob Jenks
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Oregon Citizens' Utility Board

Enc. Confidential Attachments A, B & C

cc. Mark Thompson