

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 388

In the Matter of)	
)	REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF NW
Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba)	NATURAL ISSUE FUND GRANT OF
NW Natural, Request for a General)	ALLIANCE OF WESTERN ENERGY
Rate Revision.)	CONSUMERS

Pursuant to Section 7.3 of the Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”) approved by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (“Commission”) in Order No. 18-017 (January 17, 2018), Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (“AWEC”) hereby requests payment of a portion of AWEC’s Issue Fund Grant in Docket No. UG 388 in the amount of \$54,099.96. In support of this request, AWEC states the following:

1. On February 12, 2020, AWEC, fka Northwest Industrial Gas Users (“NWIGU”), filed a Proposed Issue Fund Budget in this docket in the amount of \$99,800 less in-house resources of 20 percent, for a total grant request of \$79,840. The Commission approved the Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$79,840 on February 13, 2020. *In the Matter of Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, Request for a General Rate Revision*, OPUC Docket No. UG 388, Order No. 20-044 (February 13, 2020).

2. This case involved NW Natural’s request to increase Oregon revenues by \$71.4 million and involved revenue requirement, cost of capital, and rate spread and rate design issues. After filing testimony and participating in multiple settlement conferences, the parties were able to settle all of the issues in this docket, and the Commission issued

an order approving the comprehensive settlement on October 16, 2020. AWEC hereby requests that the Commission authorize payment of a portion of the approved Issue Fund Grant in this docket in the amount of \$54,099.96 (\$67,624.95 minus 20 percent), which is a portion of the amount authorized. AWEC's Eligible Expenses for this proceeding through October 2020 are shown in Confidential Attachment A.

3. AWEC 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) - AWEC was a full and active participant in this docket. AWEC issued and reviewed discovery, filed testimony and reviewed the testimony of other parties, participated in multiple settlement conferences, negotiated several stipulations and filed testimony in support of the stipulations. The expenses included in Confidential Attachment A are Eligible Expenses as defined in IFA Section 7.4 and are reasonable and directly attributable to AWEC's participation in UG 388 on behalf of all customers.

Section 7.3(c) - The only condition of the Issue Fund Grant is that AWEC must contribute 20% of Eligible Expenses using in-house resources. AWEC used its own funds to pay for at least 20% (\$13,524.99) of the Eligible Expenses as required by Section 6.5 of the IFA.

Section 7.3 (d) - This request is a request for final payment of a portion of the approved issue fund in this docket.

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 AWEC’s proposed budget in this proceeding.

5. Upon approval of this request for payment by the Commission, NW Natural should send payment to AWEC as follows:

Alliance of Western Energy Consumers
818 SW Third Avenue #266
Portland, OR 97204

6. AWEC has satisfied the terms of the IFA and respectfully requests that the Commission approve payment of a portion of AWEC’s Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$54,099.96 (\$67,624.95 minus 20 percent) from the NW Natural Issue Fund within 30 days of receiving this Request for Payment as provided in Section 7.6 of the IFA.

7. With this payment, AWEC requests that the remainder of the approved Issue Fund Grant be released back into the NW Natural Issue Fund account.

Dated this 28th day of October, 2020.

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