

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

**UG 435**

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| In the Matter of                            | ) |                           |
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| NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS                       | ) | REQUEST FOR FINAL PAYMENT |
| COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL                     | ) | OF THE OREGON CITIZENS'   |
|   | ) | UTILITY BOARD             |
|   | ) |                           |
| <u>Request for a General Rate Revision.</u> | ) |                           |

Pursuant to Section 7.2 of the Intervenor Funding Agreement,<sup>1</sup> the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board ("CUB") submits this request for final payment of \$113,500 of eligible expenses in docket UG 435 from the Northwest Natural Issue Fund. CUB is automatically pre-certified under Section 5.1 of the Agreement.

On February 2, 2022, CUB submitted a proposed budget showing \$100,000 in eligible expenses and requested a grant of \$80,000. The commission approved this request in Order No 22.026, dated February 3, 2022. CUB filed an amended proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant in the proceeding, requesting an increase in its Issue Fund Grant in the for a total of \$113,500 from the 2022 Northwest Natural Issue Fund. The commission approved this increase in Order No. 23-044, dated February 13, 2023.

Under Section 7.2 of the Agreement, each Issue Fund Grant 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*
- (d) Specify whether the request for payment is for a progress payment or*

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

*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 includes copies of the invoice to Portland General Electric, including travel cost details, if applicable.
- (b) The expenses incurred are reasonable and directly attributable to the issues and positions CUB addressed in UE 394 on behalf of residential customers. In support of this assertion, we supply Confidential Attachments A, B and C 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.
- (d) This is a request for final payment.

In this filing, CUB requests a final payment of its costs in UG 435 amounting to \$113,500. (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.

Respectfully submitted,  
March 15, 2023



Bob Jenks  
Executive Director  
Oregon Citizens' Utility Board

Enc. Confidential Attachments A, B & C