

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

**UG 490**

In the Matter of	)	
	)	CUB AMENDED REQUEST FOR
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS	)	ISSUE FUND GRANT & AMENDED
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,	)	BUDGET
	)	
<u>Request for a General Rate Revision.</u>	)	

Pursuant to Section 6.7 of the Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (Agreement), approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (Commission) in Order No. 22-506, the Oregon Citizens’ Utility Board (“CUB”), submits this Amendment of Proposed Budget in docket UG 490 from the 2024 Northwest Natural issue fund. CUB is automatically pre-certified under Section 5.2 of the Agreement

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, CUB requested a total grant of \$90,000 from the 2024 Northwest Natural Issue fund. The Commission approved CUB’s proposed budget on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in Order No. 24-060.

CUB is now proposing to amend its budget in docket UG 490. CUB estimates total eligible expenses to be \$207,200, before the 20% match, and is seeking a total issue fund grant of \$150,000. CUB seeks the additional \$60,000 grant from the 2024 Northwest Natural issue fund.

Section 6.7 of the Agreement states:

*Amendment of Proposed Budget: At any time during the proceeding, an intervenor who received Commission approval for an Issue Fund Grant may file to amend its budget and request additional funding due to unforeseen changes in the scope or complexity of issues, positions taken*

*by other parties, changes in the schedule of the case, or other good cause.*

There is good cause to support approving CUB's proposed budget amendment. The scope, complexity of issues, and changes in the schedule of the case have resulted in the need for additional funding that was not originally anticipated when CUB submitted its initial proposed budget, and docket activity is ongoing. Therefore, CUB is seeking to increase its approved budget to \$150,000. CUB's amended budget accompanies this document as Attachment A.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Jenks", written in a cursive style.

Bob Jenks  
Executive Director  
Oregon Citizens' Utility Board