

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 490

In the Matter of)	
)	REQUEST FOR FINAL PAYMENT
)	OF THE OREGON CITIZENS'
Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba)	UTILITY BOARD
NW Natural,)	
)	
<u>Request for a General Rate Revision.</u>)	

Pursuant to Section 7.3 of the Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA),¹ the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB) submits this request for final payment of \$150,000 of eligible expenses in Docket No. UG 490 from the Northwest Natural Issue Fund. CUB is automatically pre-certified under Section 5.2 of the IFA.

On August 16, 2024, CUB submitted an amended proposed budget showing \$207,200 in eligible expenses and requested a grant of \$150,000. The Commission approved this request in Order No. 24-290, dated August 28, 2024.

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, including billing details, and including separately identified amounts for consultant or expert witness fees and travel expenses;*
- (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 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.*

¹ The Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement was approved by the Commission in Order No. 22-506 (December 29, 2022).

In Confidential Attachments A, B and C, CUB addresses the requirements of Section 7.3 (a) – (d):

- (a) Itemized expenses, payees and hourly rates for amounts to be reimbursed are detailed in the attached files. 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 a copy of CUB’s invoice to NW Natural, including travel cost details, if applicable.
- (b) The expenses incurred are reasonable and directly attributable to the issues and positions CUB addressed in UG 490 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) In this filing, CUB requests a final payment of its costs in UG 490, amounting to \$150,000 (see Confidential Attachment A). CUB releases the remainder back to the NW Natural Issue Fund.

The attached documents should allow the Commission to track the time CUB employees spent on various elements of this case, and the expenses associated with CUB’s work. As such we believe this filing meets the requirements of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
September 30th, 2024



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Enc. Confidential Attachments A, B & C
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