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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING & FIRST CLASS MAIL

Oregon Public Utility Commission 550 Capitol St. NE, #215 PO Box 2148 Salem, OR 97308-2148 Attn: Filing Center

Re:

UM 1286 – In the Matter of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon Investigation into the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) mechanism used by Oregon's three local distribution companies.

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed for filing are the original and one copy of the Northwest Industrial Gas Users' Proposed Budget for an Issue Fund Grant in the above-captioned proceeding.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Edward A. Finklea

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Enclosure(s)

cc: UM-1286 Service List

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1286

In the Matter of)
THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON	PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS FOR AN ISSUE FUND GRAN
Investigation into the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) mechanism used by Oregon's three local distribution companies.)))

The Northwest Industrial Gas Users ("NWIGU") hereby submit its proposed budget for an issue fund grant in the amount of \$10,725. NWIGU is pre-certified and represents industrial customers of Northwest Natural Gas Company ("NW Natural") and Oregon's two other gas local distribution companies ("LCDs"). NWIGU filed a Notice of Intent to Request an Issues Fund Grant along with its intervention on January 10, 2007.

The IFA provides that precertified intervenors seeking an issue fund grant must submit a proposed budget to the Commission. Accordingly, NWIGU has attached a detailed budget as Appendix A. In addition, the IFA requires the following information:

1) A statement of the work to be performed.

NWIGU has retained Cable Huston Benedict Haagensen & Lloyd to review the proposal put forth in this proceeding and to participate in the case. NWIGU, through its attorneys, will fully participate in the scheduled workshops, and if necessary, submit testimony, participate in settlement conferences, cross-examine witnesses, submit briefs and participate in oral argument. However, this Proposed Budget only includes time through Workshop 8. NWIGU reserves the right to supplement this Proposed Budget if this proceeding is continued after Workshop 8 is completed.

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2) A description of the areas to be investigated.

NWIGU's participation in UM-1286 will focus on how the Commission's purchased gas adjustment (PGA) rules will impact sales customers of Oregon gas LDCs, including NW Natural's industrial sales customers.

3) A description of the particular customer class(es) that will benefit from the intervenor's participation.

All industrial gas customers of Oregon LDCs will benefit from NWIGU's participation in this docket, but especially industrial sales customers of NW Natural.

4) Identification of the specific fund accounts from which the intervenor is seeking monies

NWIGU identifies the NW Natural Fund Account as the account from which NWIGU is seeking monies.

5) A budget showing estimated attorney, consultant and expert witness fees, which may include the cost for appropriate support staff and operations support.

NWIGU has attached a detailed budget for NWIGU's participation in this proceeding as Appendix A. NWIGU reserves the right to supplement this Proposed Budget upon completion of Workshop 8.

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CONCLUSION

NWIGU respectfully request that the Commission approve its proposed budget for an issue fund grant.

DATED January 23, 2007.

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UM 1286

NWIGU PROPOSED BUDGET PHASE I

WORK TO BE PERFORMED	PERSONNEL	HOURS	RATE	COST
ATTORNEYS				
Analyze case and				
issues	Partners	10	\$195	\$ 1,950.00
Attend Workshops				
	Partners	45	\$195	\$8,775.00
TOTAL HOURS: 55				
TOTAL HOOKS. 33				
TOTAL REQUESTED FUNDS: \$10,725.0				

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I caused to be served the foregoing **PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS FOR AN ISSUE FUND GRANT** via electronic mail and/or prepaid First Class Mail on all Pre-certified Intervenors and on the attached Service List obtained on January 23, 2007 from the Oregon Public Utility Commission's Website as follows:

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