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March 25, 2008

**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 Request by Northwest Industrial Gas Users for a Partial Payment of NW Natural Issue Fund Grant in the above-captioned proceeding. Please note that Exhibit A to the Request has been designated confidential and will only be provided to the Commission.

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)	REQUEST BY NORTHWEST
OREGON)	INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS FOR
)	PARTIAL PAYMENT OF NW
Investigation into the Purchased Gas)	NATURAL ISSUE FUND GRANT
Adjustment (PGA) Mechanism used by)	
Oregon's Three Local Distribution Companies.))	

Pursuant to Section 7.3 of the Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”) adopted by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) on July 2, 2003, in Order No. 03-388, the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (“NWIGU”) hereby requests partial payment of \$292.50 from NWIGU’s Issue Fund Grant in Docket No. UM1286. In support of this Request for Partial Payment, NWIGU respectfully shows as follows:

1. On January 10, 2007, NWIGU filed a Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant in this docket. On January 23, 2007, NWIGU submitted a proposed budget in the amount of \$10,725. The Commission approved the Issue Fund Grant and NWIGU’s proposed budget on February 27, 2007 in Order No. 07-068.
2. Pursuant to Commission Order No. 08-014, NWIGU received a partial payment from this Issue Fund Grant of \$5,674.93 for costs incurred through October 31, 2007.
3. NWIGU now requests that the Commission authorize partial payment of its Issue Fund Grant for fees and expenses expended through December 31, 2007 in order to complete year end requests for 2007 Issue Funds from this proceeding. The fees expended by NWIGU for

which payment is requested are shown in Confidential Exhibit A. This request for payment satisfies the requirement of IFA Section 7.4 because:

- Itemized expenses, payees and hourly rates are provided in Exhibit A. IFA Section 7.3 (a), which has been submitted as a confidential exhibit to the Commission and to NW Natural.
- NWIGU is an active participant in this docket. NWIGU participated in all workshops held through the first phase, has submitted initial comments following the first phase of workshops and will continue to participate in this proceeding in future comment opportunities and workshops as provided by the Commission. Expenses related to these activities from November 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007 were reasonably incurred and are directly attributable to the issues and positions pursued on NWIGU's behalf for industrial customers in this proceeding. IFA Section 7.3 (b).
- No conditions were placed on NWIGU's Issue Fund Grant in Order No. 07-068 or Order No. 08-014. IFA Section 7.4 (c).

4. Upon approval of this request for partial payment, NW Natural should send payment to NWIGU as follows:


Paula E. Pyron
Executive Director
Northwest Industrial Gas Users
P.O. Box 2058
Tualatin, OR 97062-2058

5. NWIGU respectfully requests that the Commission approve payment of NWIGU's Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$292.50 within 30 days of receipt of this Request for Payment. Pursuant to IFA Section 7.6, NWIGU requests that the remaining portion of its

Issue Fund Grant of \$4,757.57 continue to be reserved pending further Requests for Payment in this proceeding.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2008.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I caused to be served the foregoing **REQUEST BY NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT OF NW NATURAL 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 March 25, 2008 from the Oregon Public Utility Commission's Website as follows:

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DATED this 25th day of March, 2008.



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