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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

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

> Re: In the Matter of THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON Staff Investigation into Cost Methods for Use in Developing Electric Rate Spreads.
> Docket No. UM 1415

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed please find the Request for Final Payment on behalf of the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities in the above-referenced matter.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

<u>/s/ Brendan E. Levenick</u> Brendan E. Levenick

Enclosures cc: Service List

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing Request for Final

Payment on behalf of the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities upon the parties on the

service list, shown below, by causing the same to be sent by electronic mail to all parties, as well

as, deposited in the U.S. Mail, postage-prepaid, to parties which have not waived paper service.

Dated at Portland, Oregon, this 31st day of March, 2010.

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## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

### **OF OREGON**

## UM 1415

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In the Matter of

THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF)OREGON)

Staff Investigation into Cost Methods for Use )in Developing Electric Rate Spreads.

REQUEST FOR FINAL PAYMENT OF ISSUE FUND GRANT OF THE INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS OF NORTHWEST UTILITIES

Pursuant to Section 7.3 of the First Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement ("IFA"), approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission ("Commission") by Order No. 07-564 (December 19, 2007), the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities ("ICNU") hereby requests final payment of ICNU's Issue Fund Grant in Docket No. UM 1415 in the amount of \$729.22. ICNU requests that the payment amount be split equally between Portland General Electric ("PGE") and PacifiCorp.

On February 10, 2009, ICNU filed a Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant in Docket No. UM 1415. On March 20, 2009, ICNU filed a proposed budget in the amount of \$68,020 in Docket No. UM 1415. The Commission approved an Issue Fund Grant for ICNU (to be split equally between PGE and PacifiCorp) in the amount of \$68,020 on March 30, 2009. <u>Re OPUC</u>, OPUC Docket No. UM 1415, Order No. 09-101 (March 30, 2009). As a result, ICNU has an approved Issue Fund grant of \$68,020 in this proceeding. On August 11, 2009, ICNU filed an earlier Request for Partial Payment in the amount of \$32,193.52. That request was approved on August 18, 2009, by Order No. 09-320. On November 25, 2009, ICNU filed a second Request for Partial Payment in the amount of \$15,900.44. ICNU's second request was approved on December 3, 2009, by Order No. 09-471. Pursuant to Order No. 09-101, ICNU is requesting final payment in this docket from the issue funds of PacifiCorp and PGE, resulting

in a final payment of \$364.61 due from each utility.

ICNU hereby requests that the Commission authorize final payment of the Issue

Fund Grant in the amount of \$729.22. ICNU's expenses are shown in Confidential

Attachment A. Confidential Attachment A is subject to the General Protective Order issued in

Docket No. UM 1357. Order No. 09-119.

This Request for Payment satisfies the requirements of the IFA as follows:

<u>Section 7.3(a)</u> – The itemized expenses, payees, and hourly rates are attached as Confidential Exhibit A.

<u>Section 7.3(b)</u> – ICNU has been a full and active participant in this Docket. ICNU conducted discovery, participated in workshops, and prepared presentations for use in workshops. The expenses included in Confidential Exhibit A are reasonable and directly attributable to ICNU's participation in Docket No. UM 1415.

<u>Section 7.3(c)</u> – The Commission approved the proposed budget on March 30, 2009. In addition, ICNU used its own funds to pay for at least 20% of the Eligible Expenses as required by Section 6.5 of the IFA.

<u>Section 7.4</u> – All of the expenses included in Exhibit A are Eligible Expenses as defined in Section 7.4 of the IFA because they relate to services provided or expenses incurred by ICNU's outside legal counsel and expert witnesses. Relevant non-privileged documents substantiating the Eligible Expenses in Confidential Exhibit A are available for Commission audit, if requested, pursuant to Section 7.10 of the IFA.

The IFA provides that the granting of "an Issue Fund Grant shall constitute a

binding obligation on the Commission to order reimbursement of Eligible Expenses." IFA § 6.5.

Likewise, the intervenor funding rules adopted by the Commission provide that "the terms of an

[intervenor funding] agreement will be binding on all organizations seeking a grant under that

agreement and will be followed by the Commission in administering the agreement."

OAR § 860-012-0100(2). ICNU has satisfied the terms of the IFA and respectfully requests that

the Commission approve partial payment of ICNU's Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$729.22

(\$364.61 from PGE and \$364.61 from PacifiCorp) within 30 days of receiving this Request for Final Payment as provided in Section 7.6 of the IFA. This Request for Payment constitutes a Final Request for Payment in this docket. The remaining \$19,196.82 of this Issue Fund Grant may be split equally and released back into the Issue Fund Account for each utility.

Payment should be sent to:

Michael Early Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities 333 S.W. Taylor, Suite 400 Portland, Oregon 97204

Dated this 31st day of March, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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