

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 221

In the Matter of)	
)	AMENDMENT OF PROPOSED
)	BUDGET OF THE CITIZENS'
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS)	UTILITY BOARD OF OREGON
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL)	
)	
<u>Request for a General Rate Revision</u>)	

Pursuant to Section 6.7 of the Intervenor Funding Agreement (Agreement), which was adopted in Order No. 07-564, the Citizens' Utility Board submits this Amendment of Proposed Budget in docket UG 221 from the NW Natural Issue Fund. CUB is automatically precertified under Section 5.2 of the Agreement.

On February 23, 2012, CUB submitted a proposed budget showing eligible expenses of \$60,220 and seeking an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$45,000. On February 24, 2012, in Order No. 12-059, the Commission approved CUB's budget.

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. As indicated in CUB's proposed budget filed on February 23, 2012, its budget showed eligible expenses of more than \$60,000. Due to the need to accommodate the request of the Northwest Industrial Gas Users' request in this case, CUB requested less than the total eligible expenses shown in its proposed budget. Additionally, CUB has far exceeded its approved budget of \$45,000 in this docket. On July 26, 2012, CUB filed for a progress payment in the amount of \$45,000, which was approved by the Commission on July 30, 2012 in Order No. 12-298. At the time of the progress payment request, CUB's expenses, after the 20% match, totaled \$75,629.¹ Since that progress payment, there have been several motions, a final round of Company testimony, a hearing, three extensive briefs, a bench request, and oral argument which have required substantial

¹ See UG 221 - CUB's Request for Progress Payment, Attachment A filed on July 26, 2012.

additional time and resources.²

CUB's recent release of the NW Natural Issue Funds it requested in docket UM 1565, totaling \$7,390, provides the additional funds in NW Natural's Issue Fund to accommodate CUB's current request. Therefore, CUB is seeking to increase its approved budget to \$52,390. CUB's amended budget accompanies this document as Attachment A.

Respectfully submitted,
November 30, 2012

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Jenks", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bob Jenks
Executive Director
Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon

Enclosures: Attachments A and B

cc. Mark Thompson, NW Natural

² See Confidential Attachment B.

CUB Amended Budget UG 221

CUB Internal Expenses	Rate	Hours	Cost
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$220	60	\$13,200
Catriona McCracken, General Counsel	\$220	75	\$16,500
Ray Myers, Staff Attorney	\$175	15	\$2,625
Gordon Feighner, Sr. Utility Analyst	\$125	100	\$12,500
Sommer Templet, Staff Attorney	\$125	20	\$2,500
SA Anders, Business and Projects Mgr	\$75	5	\$375
<i>Other Expenses</i>			
Printing & Mailing			\$75
Travel			\$250
CUB Consultant Expenses			
CUB Share of Revenue Requirements Witnesses			\$26,000
Witness Travel			\$1,250
In-House Resources			
20% of Eligible Expenses			(\$15,055)
Total			\$60,220
CUB Original Request			\$45,000.00
CUB Amended Request			\$52,390.00

UG 221 – CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on this 30th day of November, 2012, I served the foregoing **AMENDMENT OF PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE CITIZENS' UTILITY BOARD OF OREGON** in docket UG 221 upon each party listed below by email and, where paper service is not waived, by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, and upon the Commission by email and by sending one original and one copy by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the Commission's Salem offices.

(W denotes waiver of paper service)

(C denotes service of Confidential material authorized)

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