

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON
UM 1720**

)	
In the Matter of)	
)	REQUEST FOR PARTIAL
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS)	PAYMENT OF THE CITIZENS'
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,)	UTILITY BOARD OF OREGON
)	
Investigation into Long-Term Hedging)	
Policy.)	
_____)	

Pursuant to Section 7.3 of the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“Agreement”), which was adopted in Order No. 15-335, the Citizens’ Utility Board of Oregon (“CUB”) submits this request for a partial payment in the amount of \$12,720 of eligible expenses in docket UM 1720 from the Northwest Natural 2016 issue fund. CUB is automatically pre-certified under Section 5.2 of the Agreement.

On February 22, 2016, CUB submitted a proposed issue fund grant of \$20,000 from the 2016 NW Natural Issue Fund. On February 29, 2016 in Order No. 16-084, the Commission approved CUB’s budget.

Under Section 7.3 of the Agreement, each Issue Fund Grant Request for Payment must:

- (a) *Itemize the expenses, payees and hourly rates for amounts to be reimbursed;*
- (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 final payment or final 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.*

(a) Confidential Attachment A contains a summary of CUB’s expenses to date in this case.

Confidential Attachment B provides a list of CUB activities by date and Intervenor Funding Task Category, as well as CUB's mailing and travel expenses to date. Confidential Attachment C breaks out each CUB staff member's time by Intervenor Funding Task Category to date.

- (b) The expenses incurred are reasonable and directly attributable to the issues and positions CUB is addressing in UM 1720 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) That CUB has satisfied the matching fund requirement is demonstrated in Attachment A, the summary of CUB's expenses. Order No. 16-084 did not include any additional conditions beyond those anticipated in the Agreement.
- (d) This is a progress payment request, and CUB foresees incurring additional expenses in this case.

In this filing, CUB requests the partial payment of our costs in UM 1720 amounting to \$12,720. See Confidential Attachment A, CUB Expense Summary. The attached documents should allow the Commission to track the time spent on the elements of the case, and we believe that this filing meets the requirements of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
December 14, 2016



Bob Jenks
Executive Director
Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon

Enc. Attachments A, B and C

cc. Mark Thompson