

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 305

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| In the Matter of |) | |
| |) | CUB REQUEST FOR AN ISSUE |
| CASCADE NATURAL GAS |) | FUND GRANT & PROPOSED |
| CORPORATION, |) | BUDGET |
| |) | |
| <u>Request for a General Rate Revision.</u> |) | |

The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (“CUB”) estimates eligible expenses of \$11,250 before the 20% match, and requests a grant of \$9,000 from the Cascade (“Cascade”) 2016 Issue Fund. CUB staff have been tracking their participation in this docket by hours and activity.

CUB is pre-certified per OAR 860-012-0100(3)(a). UG 305 is an eligible proceeding under the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”), as approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission in Order No. 15-335, entered October 20, 2015. The proceeding directly affects Cascade, which is a participating public utility under the IFA. *See* IFA at Article 1(k). CUB filed its Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant concurrent with its Notice of Intervention, as required by the IFA (Article 6.2). CUB respectfully requests a waiver of the requirement to file its proposed budget by June 27, 2016 per Chief Grant’s May 23, 2016 prehearing conference memorandum.¹

¹ CUB requests waiver of IFA Article 6.3, which requires any potential intervenor seeking an Issue Fund Grant to file its issue fund budget request within thirty days after the prehearing conference. Because of the relatively early stage of this docket, CUB does not believe that any party would be harmed by the delay

Pursuant to paragraph 6.3 of the IFA, the proposed budget must identify certain points of information. CUB provides the information below.

(a) Statement of Work to Be Performed: CUB intends to participate in every procedural aspect of this case. CUB participated in the prehearing conference, all workshops, and settlement meetings. CUB will also attend and participate in the hearing scheduled for this docket. CUB will review and analyze the testimony and briefs filed in this docket, and will review the briefs yet to be filed. We have pursued discovery of Cascade through data requests. We will file testimony and a prehearing brief, and we will participate in the hearing and file a post-hearing brief in this docket.

(b) Description of Areas to Be Investigated: CUB investigated issues including, but not limited to:

- i. Capital additions, including prudence review and review for used and useful standard
- ii. Environmental remediation costs
- iii. Long-run Incremental Cost Study and Rate Spread
- iv. Issues raised by other parties to the proceeding.

(c) Description of the Class or Classes Benefiting from CUB's Participation:

CUB represents the interests of Cascade's residential customers, though other customer classes may benefit from many aspects of our participation.

(d) The Fund from Which CUB Seeks an Issue Fund Grant & Available Funds: CUB is seeking a \$9,000 grant from the 2016 Cascade Issue Fund. CUB's budget shows

between the date CUB filed its notice of intervention and the date that it filed its issue fund budget request.

eligible expenses, before the match, of \$11,250. Section 4.4 of the IFA permits the Commission to “approve an Issue Fund Grant from funds that will be made available in the next calendar year when the proceeding for which the Issue Fund are inadequate to provide the level of Issue Fund Grants that the Commission determines is appropriate.” CUB respectfully requests that the Commission approve CUB’s request for a \$9,000 grant from the 2016 Cascade Issue Fund.

(e) The Budget Showing Estimated Fees and Costs: CUB’s budget accompanies this document as Attachment A.

(f) A Representation of the Use of Matching Funds: The budget and an accounting for the use of matching funds accompany this document as Attachment A.

Dated this 15th day of July, 2016
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Jenks", written in a cursive style.

Bob Jenks
Executive Director
Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon

CUB Proposed Budget -- UG 305

| CUB Internal Expenses | Rate | Hours | Cost |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| <i>Staff</i> | | | |
| Bob Jenks, Executive Director | \$250 | 12.00 | \$3,000.00 |
| Jaime McGovern, Senior Economist | \$225 | 20.00 | \$4,500.00 |
| Michael Goetz, Staff Attorney | \$175 | 15.00 | \$2,625.00 |
| Paralegal | \$75 | 13.00 | \$975.00 |
| <i>Other Expenses</i> | | | |
| Printing, Mailing & Travel | | | \$150.00 |
| <hr/> Total Expenses | | | \$11,250.00 |
| In-House Resources | | | |
| <hr/> 20% Match of Eligible Expenses | | | (\$2,250) |
| Total | | | \$9,000 |