

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1804

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| In the Matter of |) | |
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| NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS |) | REQUEST FOR SECOND PARTIAL |
| COMPANY dba NW NATURAL, |) | PAYMENT OF THE OREGON |
| |) | CITIZENS' UTILITY BOARD |
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| Application for Approval of Corporate |) | |
| Reorganization to Create a Holding |) | |
| Company. |) | |
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Pursuant to Section 7.3 of the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“Agreement”), which was adopted in Order No. 15-335, the Oregon Citizens’ Utility Board (“CUB”) submits this request for a partial payment in the amount of \$5,242 of eligible expenses in docket UM 1804 from the Northwest Natural 2017 issue fund. CUB is automatically pre-certified under Section 5.2 of the Agreement.

On March 17, 2017 CUB submitted a proposed issue fund grant of \$30,000 from the 2017 NW Natural Issue Fund. On March 20, 2017, in Order No. 17-097, the Commission approved CUB’s budget. On June 16, 2017, CUB submitted a request for partial payment of \$17,906. On July 6, 2017, in Order No. 17-238, the Commission approved CUB’s request for partial payment.

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 staff activities by date and Intervenor Funding Task Category. Confidential C details travel expenses incurred by CUB staff for this docket.
- (b) The expenses incurred are reasonable and directly attributable to the issues and positions CUB is addressing in UM 1804 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 Proposed 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.
- (d) This is a progress payment request, and CUB foresees the possibility of incurring additional expenses in this case.

In this filing, CUB requests the partial payment of our costs in UM 1804 amounting to \$5,242. 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,

October 19, 2017



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Executive Director
Oregon Citizens' Utility Board

Enc. Attachments A, B & C

cc. Mark Thompson