# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

# **OF OREGON**

#### UM 1286

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In the Matter of	)	CUB REQUEST FOR A
	)	NW NATURAL ISSUE FUND
THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF	)	GRANT & PROPOSED BUDGET
OREGON,	)	
	)	
Investigation into the Purchased Gas	)	
Adjustment (PGA) mechanism used by	)	
Oregon's three local distribution companies.	)	
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The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) requests a grant of \$41,630 from the NW Natural Issue Fund.

CUB is precertified as per OAR 860-012-0100(3)(a). UM 1286 is an eligible proceeding under the Intervenor Funding Agreement, adopted by the Commission in Order No. 03-388 (July 2, 2003), because the proceeding directly affects NW Natural, a participating public utility. Agreement, 1(c). CUB filed its Notice of Intent to Request a NW Natural Issue Fund Grant concurrent with its Notice of Intervention, as required by the Intervenor Funding Agreement. Agreement 6.2.

Pursuant to paragraph 6.3 of the Intervenor Funding Agreement, the proposed budget must identify certain points of information. We provide the information below.

1) Statement of Work to be Performed: CUB intends to participate in every procedural aspect of this case. We participated in the January 11<sup>th</sup> pre-hearing conference. We

- will attend and participate in all or most workshops, Commission presentations, hearings, and other meetings involving this docket. We will review and analyze any comments, testimony, and/or briefs submitted by NW Natural and the other parties as the case develops. We will file comments, testimony, and/or briefs in line with the format and schedule of the docket as it becomes established.
- 2) Description of Areas to be Investigated: CUB intends to analyze and participate in the establishment and specifics of gas purchasing strategy guidelines for Oregon natural gas utilities (local distribution companies LDCs). We will also analyze the current Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) mechanisms for each of Oregon's LDCs. We will analyze and propose changes or alternatives to the current mechanisms, and participate with the parties in presenting options and recommendations for the Commission to consider.
- 3) Description of the Class or Classes Benefiting from CUB's Participation: CUB represents the interests of the residential natural gas customers of Oregon LDCs, though other customer classes may benefit from many aspects of our participation.
- 4) The Specific Fund from which CUB Seeks an Issue Fund Grant: CUB is seeking an issue fund grant from the NW Natural Issue Fund.
- 5) The Budget Showing Estimated Fees and Costs: CUB's budget accompanies this document as Attachment 1. The total grant request from the NW Natural Issues Fund is \$41,630. The attached budget assumes the current schedule of workshops, the ensuing prehearing conference, one round of comments, one round of testimony, and a hearing. As this investigation progresses, if the original scope of work envisioned by

CUB no longer adequately represents our participation, we reserve the right to supplement this budget. CUB staff will keep track of their participation by hours and activity.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2007 Respectfully submitted,

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# **UM 1286 CUB Intervenor Funding Budget**

CUB Internal Expenses	Rate	Hours	Cost
Staff			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$115.00	150	\$17,250
Jason Eisdorfer, Attorney	\$150.00	50	\$7,500
Lowrey Brown, Utility Analyst	\$75.00	200	\$15,000
Shannon Floyd, Business and Projects Mgr	\$40.00	15	\$600
Other Expenses			
Printing & Mailing			\$950
Travel			\$330
Total			\$41,630

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2007, I served the foregoing Intervenor Funding Budget Request of the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon in docket UM 1286 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 2 copies by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the Commission's Salem offices.

Respectfully submitted,

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