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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING
& FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Oregon Public Utility Commission
550 Capitol St. NE, #215
PO Box 2148
Salem, OR 97308-2148
Attn: Filing Center

Re: UM 1286 – In the Matter of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Investigation into the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) mechanism used by
Oregon's three local distribution companies.

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed for filing are the original and one copy of the Northwest Industrial Gas Users' Proposed Budget for an Issue Fund Grant in the above-captioned proceeding.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



EAF Edward A. Finklea

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Enclosure(s)
cc: UM-1286 Service List

2) A description of the areas to be investigated.

NWIGU’s participation in UM-1286 will focus on how the Commission’s purchased gas adjustment (PGA) rules will impact sales customers of Oregon gas LDCs, including NW Natural’s industrial sales customers.

3) A description of the particular customer class(es) that will benefit from the intervenor’s participation.

All industrial gas customers of Oregon LDCs will benefit from NWIGU’s participation in this docket, but especially industrial sales customers of NW Natural.

4) Identification of the specific fund accounts from which the intervenor is seeking monies

NWIGU identifies the NW Natural Fund Account as the account from which NWIGU is seeking monies.

5) A budget showing estimated attorney, consultant and expert witness fees, which may include the cost for appropriate support staff and operations support.

NWIGU has attached a detailed budget for NWIGU’s participation in this proceeding as Appendix A. NWIGU reserves the right to supplement this Proposed Budget upon completion of Workshop 8.

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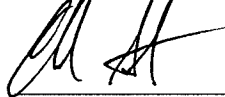
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CONCLUSION

NWIGU respectfully request that the Commission approve its proposed budget for an issue fund grant.

DATED January 23, 2007.

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UM 1286

NWIGU PROPOSED BUDGET
PHASE I

WORK TO BE PERFORMED	PERSONNEL	HOURS	RATE	COST
ATTORNEYS				
Analyze case and issues	Partners	10	\$195	\$ 1,950.00
Attend Workshops	Partners	45	\$195	\$8,775.00
TOTAL HOURS: 55				
TOTAL REQUESTED FUNDS: \$10,725.00				

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I caused to be served the foregoing **PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS FOR AN ISSUE FUND GRANT** via electronic mail and/or prepaid First Class Mail on all Pre-certified Intervenors and on the attached Service List obtained on January 23, 2007 from the Oregon Public Utility Commission's Website as follows:

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DATED this 23th day of January, 2007.



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