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The Hon. Michael Grant
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**Re: Northwest Industrial Gas Users' Request for Payment of a Preauthorized Matching Fund Grant – Northwest Natural Gas Account
Docket No. UM 1357**

Dear Judge Grant:

The Northwest Industrial Gas Users ("NWIGU") files this request for payment of Preauthorized Matching Fund Grant for particular costs incurred from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 from the Northwest Natural Gas Utilities ("NW Natural") Preauthorized Matching Fund Account in the amount of \$3,112.06. This request for payment is filed pursuant to Section 7.2 of the First Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement, which was approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission ("Commission") on December 19, 2007 in Order No. 07-564 ("Amended IFA").

NWIGU meets all of the criteria for payment of a Preauthorized Matching Fund Grant from the NW Natural Preauthorized Matching Fund Account for 2010, as demonstrated by the following:

1. Under the Amended IFA, NW Natural makes available an Annual Grant Amount of \$57,000, which is added to NW Natural's Preauthorized Matching Fund Account each calendar year during the term of the Amended IFA through 2012. Amended IFA at Section 4.2.

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2. A Preauthorized Matching Fund Grant from NW Natural must be used solely to pay Eligible Expenses for Eligible Proceedings involving NW Natural. Amended IFA at Section 4.2.2. NWIGU requests the payment of a Preauthorized Matching Fund Grant for Eligible Expenses incurred in UG 170, UM 1357, the PGA dockets (UM 1286 et al), AR 541 (SB 408 issues), UM 1475, UG 152, the Energy Trust proceeding related to sharing customer data, the Pipeline Safety Meeting at the Oregon Public Utility Commission and Advice No 10-10A as Eligible Proceedings from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. NWIGU requests the payment of the \$3,112.06 Preauthorized Matching Fund Grant for the expenses listed in confidential Exhibit A, attached, which are Eligible Expenses under Section 7.4 of the Amended IFA. These expenses are in excess of any amounts recovered through Issue Fund Grants and/or other Matching Fund Grant Requests.
3. A Preauthorized Matching Fund Grant may be provided only if NWIGU demonstrates that it has used in-house resources or outside funding for at least 50% of the Eligible Expenses for Eligible Proceedings. Amended IFA at Section 7.2. As shown in confidential Exhibit A, NWIGU has used in-house resources and outside funding for at least 50% of the Eligible Expenses in these proceedings.
4. NWIGU became precertified as eligible to receive intervenor funding grants under Section 5.2 of the original Intervenor Funding Agreement pursuant to Order No.04-055, entered by the Commission on February 3, 2004. Under the Amended IFA, funds from Avista's Preauthorized Matching Fund Account are available for use exclusively by NWIGU. Amended IFA at Section 4.2.2.

Having demonstrated that it meets all of the criteria and conditions for such request, NWIGU requests payment of a Preauthorized Matching Fund Grant from NW Natural's Preauthorized Matching Fund in the amount of \$3,112.06. NWIGU requests that the Commission grant this request within 30 days of receipt and order NW Natural to pay NWIGU the amount of \$3,112.06 within 30 days after receipt of the Commission directive, in accordance with Section 7.2 of the Amended IFA.

Payment should be sent to:

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

cc: Paula Pyron (via e-mail)