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**VIA FIRST CLASS AND ELECTRONIC MAIL**

The Hon. Michael Grant  
Oregon Public Utility Commission  
P.O. Box 2148  
Salem, OR 97308-2148

Mike Parvinen  
Senior Director-Regulatory Affairs  
Cascade Natural Gas Corporation  
8113 W. Grand Ridge Blvd.,  
Kennewick, Washington 98336-7116

**Re: Northwest Industrial Gas Users' Request for Payment of a Preauthorized Matching Fund Grant – Cascade Natural Gas Corporation 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 December 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 from the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation ("Cascade") Preauthorized Matching Fund Account in the amount of \$1,294.39. 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 Cascade Preauthorized Matching Fund Account for 2012, as demonstrated by the following:

1. Under the Amended IFA, Cascade makes available an Annual Grant Amount of \$30,000 for Cascade's Preauthorized Matching Fund Account each calendar year during the term of the Amended IFA through 2012. Amended IFA at Section 4.2.
2. A Preauthorized Matching Fund Grant from Cascade must be used solely to pay Eligible Expenses for Eligible Proceedings involving Cascade. Amended IFA at Section 4.2.2. NWIGU requests the payment of a Preauthorized Matching Fund Grant for Eligible Expenses incurred in UM 1357, UG 224 and UM 1633 as Eligible Proceedings from December 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. NWIGU requests the payment of the \$1,294.39 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.

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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 Cascade'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 Cascade's Preauthorized Matching Fund in the amount of \$1,294.39. NWIGU requests that the Commission grant this request within 30 days of receipt and order Cascade to pay NWIGU the amount of \$1,294.39 within 30 days after receipt of the Commission directive, in accordance with Section 7.2 of the Amended IFA.

Payment should be sent to:

Ed Finklea  
Executive Director  
Northwest Industrial Gas Users  
PO Box 2058  
Tualatin, Oregon 97062

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

Very truly yours,



Tommy A. Brooks  
Counsel for the Northwest Industrial Gas Users

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Enclosure

cc: Ed Finklea