

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON  
UM 1633**

In the Matter of	)	REQUEST FOR PROGRESS
	)	PAYMENT OF THE CITIZENS'
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF	)	UTILITY BOARD OF OREGON
OREGON	)	
	)	
Investigation into Treatment of Pension	)	
Costs in Utility Rates	)	
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Pursuant to Section 7.3 of the Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”)<sup>1</sup> and Section 7.2 of the Idaho Power Intervenor Funding Agreement (“Idaho Power IFA”),<sup>2</sup> the Citizens’ Utility Board of Oregon (“CUB”) submits this request for a progress payment in the amount of \$50,000 of eligible expenses in docket UM 1633 from the Avista Utilities (“Avista”), Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (“CNGC”), Idaho Power Company (“Idaho Power”), NW Natural, Portland General Electric (“PGE”), and PacifiCorp issues funds.<sup>3</sup> CUB is automatically precertified under Section 5.2 of the IFA and Section 5.1 of the Idaho Power IFA.

On March 20, 2013, CUB submitted a total proposed budget of \$50,000. On March 27, 2013, in Order No. 13-108, the Commission approved CUB’s budget.

Under Section 7.3 of the IFA and 7.2 of the Idaho Power IFA, 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;*

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<sup>1</sup> The Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement was approved by the Commission in Order No. 12-452 (Nov. 20, 2012).

<sup>2</sup> The Idaho Power Intervenor Funding Agreement was approved by the Commission on October 13, 2010 in Order No. 10-396.

<sup>3</sup> CUB would like to clarify that although it is requesting \$50,000, which is equal to the total budget approved by the Commission in Order No. 13-108, CUB is requesting a progress payment, rather than final payment, because this docket is ongoing and CUB may amend its budget and request additional funds at a later date.

- (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 progress 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 activities by date and Intervenor Funding Task Category, as well as CUB's mailing and travel expenses to date. Confidential Attachment C breaks out each CUB staff member's time by Intervenor Funding Task Category to date.
- (b) The expenses incurred thus far are reasonable and directly attributable to the issues and positions CUB is addressing in UM 1633 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 Issue Fund Budget in this case.
- (c) CUB has satisfied the matching fund requirement as demonstrated in Confidential Attachment A, the summary of CUB's expenses. CUB expenses to date after the match are greater than the requested \$50,000 progress payment.
- (d) This is a request for a progress payment. CUB intends to file an amended proposed budget in this proceeding at a later date.

In this filing, CUB requests the progress payment of its costs in UM 1633 amounting to \$50,000. 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,  
January 6, 2013



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Enc. Attachments A, B, and C

cc. Kelly Norwood (Avista); Jay Tinker (PGE); Bryce Dalley (PacifiCorp); Mark Thompson (NW Natural); Pamela Archer (CNGC); Greg Said (Idaho Power)

## UM 1633 – CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014, I served the foregoing **REQUEST FOR PROGRESS PAYMENT OF THE CITIZENS' UTILITY BOARD OF OREGON** in docket UM 1633 upon the Participating Public Utility from whose account payment is to be made and the Commission by email and by sending one original and one copy by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the Commission's Salem offices.

(W denotes waiver of paper service)

(C denotes service of Confidential material authorized)

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