

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**OF OREGON**

**UM 1633**

In the Matter of	)	REQUEST FOR FINAL PAYMENT
	)	OF THE CITIZENS' UTILITY
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF	)	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 final payment in the amount of \$30,000 of eligible expenses in docket UM 1633 from the issue funds of the following utilities: Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (“CNGC”), Idaho Power Company (“Idaho Power”), NW Natural, Portland General Electric (“PGE”), and PacifiCorp. 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. On February 6, 2014, CUB filed a request to amend its proposed budget from \$50,000 to \$100,000. In Order No. 14-046, entered February 18, 2014, the Commission approved CUB’s request. On February 20, 2015, CUB filed a third amendment to its proposed budget, seeking an additional \$30,000 for work during the 2015 calendar year. The Commission approved CUB’s request on February 26, 2015 in Order No. 15-061.

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*

<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.

*customer class and consistent with the intervenor's proposed budget;*

- (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 from January 1, 2015 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 from January 1, 2015 to date. Confidential Attachment C breaks out each CUB staff member's time by Intervenor Funding Task Category from January 1, 2015 to date.
  - (b) The expenses incurred thus far are reasonable and directly attributable to the issues and positions CUB addressed 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 from January 1, 2015 to date after the match are greater than the requested \$30,000 final payment amount.
  - (d) This is a request for final payment.

In this filing, CUB requests the final payment of its costs in UM 1633 from January 1, 2015 to date amounting to \$30,000. *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.

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Respectfully submitted,  
August 21, 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Jenks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Bob Jenks  
Executive Director  
Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon

Enc. Attachments A, B, and C

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