

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1654

In the Matter of)
) AMENDMENT OF PROPOSED
) BUDGET OF THE CITIZENS'
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF) UTILITY BOARD OF OREGON
OREGON)
)
Investigation into Treatment of Pension)
Costs in Utility Rates)
_____)

Pursuant to Article 6.7 of the Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”),¹ the Citizens’ Utility Board submits this Amendment of Proposed Budget in docket UM 1654 from NW Natural’s Issue Fund. CUB is automatically pre-certified under Article 5.2 of the IFA and OAR 860-001-0120(3)(a).

On February 19, 2014, CUB submitted a proposed budget showing eligible expenses of \$6,260 and seeking an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$5,008. On February 27, 2014, in Order No. 14-069, the Commission approved CUB’s budget.

CUB is now proposing to amend its budget in docket UM 1654, showing total eligible expenses of \$35,300, and seeking a total issue fund grant of \$9,939.41 from the NW Natural Issue Fund.² CUB identifies the 2014 NW Natural Issue Fund as the fund from which it proposes to seek the additional grant from NW Natural.

Section 6.7 of the IFA states:

Amendment of Proposed Budget: At any time during the proceeding, an intervenor who received Commission approval for an Issue Fund Grant may file to amend its budget and request additional funding due to unforeseen changes in the scope or complexity of issues, positions taken by other parties, changes in the schedule of the case, or other good cause.

There is good cause to support approving CUB’s proposed budget amendment. UM 1654

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

² Although CUB’s eligible expenses, after the 20% match, show \$35,300, CUB is limiting its request for an additional issue fund grant to an additional \$4,931.41 because there are currently no additional funds available in NW Natural’s 2014 Issue Fund.

has presented CUB with a vast and complex set of issues, facts and analysis that CUB did not expect when it filed its original budget request in this docket. Additionally, as this docket has changed in scope and duration, its schedule has changed to include additional discovery and bench requests that were not anticipated at the beginning of this case. Although the remainder of the schedule is not currently set for this docket, CUB anticipates drafting legal briefs and preparing for oral argument. Each of these tasks will require substantial additional time and resources. Therefore, CUB is seeking to increase its approved budget to \$9,939.41. CUB's amended budget accompanies this document as Attachment A.

Respectfully submitted,
May 12, 2014

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Jenks", written in a cursive style.

Bob Jenks
Executive Director
Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon

Enclosures: Attachment A

CUB Amended Proposed Budget -- UM 1654

CUB Internal Expenses	Rate	Hours	Cost
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$250	40.00	\$10,000.00
Catriona McCracken, General Counsel	\$250	60.00	\$15,000.00
Jaime McGovern, Sr. Utility Analyst	\$225	55.00	\$12,375.00
Sommer Templet, Staff Attorney	\$175	30.00	\$5,250.00
Nadine Hanhan, Utility Analyst	\$125	10.00	\$1,250.00
SA Anders, Director of Operations	\$75	2.00	\$150.00
<i>Other Expenses</i>			
Printing, Mailing & Travel			\$100.00
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In-House Resources			
20% of Eligible Expenses			(\$8,825)
Total			\$35,300
*Initial Budget Request			\$5,008.00
*Amended Budget Request			\$9,939.41