

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1654

In the Matter of)	
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NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS)	REQUEST FOR PARTIAL
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,)	PAYMENT OF THE OREGON
)	CITIZENS' UTILITY BOARD
Investigation of Interstate Storage and)	
Optimization Sharing.)	
_____)	

Pursuant to Section 7.3 of the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“Agreement”), which was adopted in Order No. 15-335, the Oregon Citizens’ Utility Board (“CUB”) submits this request for partial payment in the amount of \$5,550 of eligible expenses in docket UM 1654 from the 2017 Northwest Natural Issue Fund. CUB is automatically pre-certified under Section 5.2 of the Agreement.

On May 1, 2017, CUB submitted a Request for an Issue Fund Grant and Proposed Budget of \$30,000 from the 2017 Northwest Natural Issue Fund. On May 4, 2017 the Commission, in Order No. 17-160, approved CUB’s budget.

Under Section 7.3 of the Agreement, 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;*
- (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 partial 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 in this case. Confidential Attachment B provides a list of CUB activities by date and Intervenor Funding Task Category.
- (b) The expenses incurred are reasonable and directly attributable to the issues and positions CUB is addressing in UM 1654 on behalf of residential customers. In support of this assertion, we supply Confidential Attachments A and B, 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.
- (d) This is a request for partial payment.

In this filing, CUB requests the payment of our costs in UM 1654 amounting to \$5,550 from the Northwest Natural Issue Fund. 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,
October 24, 2017



Bob Jenks
Executive Director
Oregon Citizens' Utility Board

Enc. Attachments A and B

cc: Mark Thompson