

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1808

In the Matter of)	
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS)	REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF ISSUE
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,)	FUND GRANT OF NORTHWEST
Updated Depreciation Study Pursuant to)	INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS
OAR 860-027-0350.)	

Pursuant to Section 7.3 of the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”) approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) in Order No. 17-092 (March 17, 2017), Northwest Industrial Gas Users (“NWIGU”) hereby requests payment of NWIGU’s Issue Fund Grant in Docket No. UM 1808 in the amount of \$16,990.00. In support of this request, NWIGU shows the following:

1. On March 16, 2017, NWIGU filed a Proposed Issue Fund Budget in the amount of \$38,930 less in-house resources of 20 percent, for a total grant request of up to \$31,144. The Commission approved the Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$31,144 on March 17, 2017. *In the Matter of Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, Updated Depreciation Study Pursuant to OAR 860-027-0350*, OPUC Docket No. UM 1808, Order No. 17-092 (Mar 17, 2017).

2. NWIGU hereby requests that the Commission authorize payment of the approved Issue Fund Grant in this docket in the amount of \$16,990.00 (\$21,237.50 minus 20 percent), which is less than the full amount authorized. NWIGU’s Eligible Expenses for this proceeding through October 2017 are shown in Confidential Attachment A.

3. NWIGU respectfully submits that this request for payment satisfies the requirement of IFA Section 7.3 as follows:

Section 7.3(a) - The itemized expenses, payees and hourly rates are attached as Confidential Attachment A.

Section 7.3(b) - NWIGU was a full and active participant in this docket. NWIGU and its consultants participated in discovery in this proceeding, participated in workshops, participated in informal meetings and telephone conferences with NW Natural, its consultants, Staff and CUB, and participated in settlement workshops and discussions, as well as drafting testimony. The expenses included in Confidential Attachment A are Eligible Expenses as defined in IFA Section 7.4 and are reasonable and directly attributable to NWIGU's participation in UM 1808 on behalf of all customers.

Section 7.3(c) – The only condition of the Issue Fund Grant is that NWIGU must contribute 20% of Eligible Expenses using in-house resources. NWIGU used its own funds to pay for at least 20% of the Eligible Expenses as required by Section 6.5 of the IFA. Further, NWIGU has supplied substantial resources in this proceeding through its Executive Director's active involvement in addition to the Eligible Expenses set forth on Attachment A.

Section 7.3 (d) – This request is a request for final payment.

4. Section 7.4 – All of the expenses included in Confidential Attachment A are Eligible Expenses as defined in Section 7.4 of the IFA and are consistent with NWIGU's proposed budget in this proceeding.

5. Upon approval of this request for payment by the Commission, NW Natural should send payment to NWIGU as follows, (which address is different than NWIGU's mailing address for service):

Edward Finklea
Executive Director
Northwest Industrial Gas Users
P.O. Box 163
Ashland, Oregon 97520

6. NWIGU has satisfied the terms of the IFA and respectfully requests that the Commission approve payment of NWIGU's Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$16,990.00 (\$21,237.50 minus 20 percent) from the NW Natural Issue Fund within 30 days of receiving this Request for Payment as provided in Section 7.6 of the IFA. With this payment, there will be \$14,154.00 in funds remaining in the approved Issue Fund Grant that can be released back to NW Natural's Issue Fund.

Dated this 24th day of October, 2017.

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