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June 29, 2017

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Public Utility Commission of Oregon Attention: Filing Center 201 High St. SE, Suite 100 Post Office Box 1088 Salem, Oregon 97308-1088

RE: UM 1101 - Application for Reauthorization to Defer Expenses for Intervenor Funding Grants

Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural ("NW Natural" or "Company"), hereby electronically files the above-referenced Application for Reauthorization to Defer Expenses for Intervenor Funding Grants.

A Notice concerning this Application will be sent to all parties who participated in the Company's most recently completed general rate case, UG 221. A Certificate of Service and a copy of the Notice are part of the enclosed Application.

If you have any questions, please call me at (503) 226.4211, ext. 5858.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kyle Walker, CPA

Kyle Walker, CPA Rates/Regulatory Affairs Analyst

Attachments

1 2	BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON						
3	UM 1101						
4	In the Matter of						
5 6	NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY, dba NW Natural, APPLICATION						
7 8 9	For Reauthorization to Defer Expenses for Intervenor Funding Grants						
10	In accordance with ORS 757.259 and OAR 860-027-0300, Northwest Natural						
11	Gas Company ("NW Natural" or the "Company") files this application with the Public						
12	Utility Commission of Oregon (the "Commission") requesting an order re-authorizing the						
13	Company to record and defer the cost of intervenor funding grants provided to qualifying						
14	organizations pursuant to the provisions of ORS 757.259(3) for future amortization in						
15	rates. This request is for the period July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018.						
16	In support of this Application, NW Natural states:						
17	A. NW Natural.						
18	NW Natural is a public utility in the State of Oregon and is subject to the						
19	jurisdiction of the Commission regarding rates, service, and accounting practices. NW						
20	Natural also provides retail natural gas service in the States of Oregon and Washington.						
21	B. Statutory Authority.						
22	ORS 757.072 (2) authorizes the Commission to approve written agreements for						
23	intervenor funding grants between electric and natural gas utilities and qualifying						
24	organizations representing broad customer interests. Such grants are used by these						
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1 q	ualifying organizations when participating in regulatory proceedings before the
2 C	Commission. ORS 757.072(3) authorizes the Commission to establish rules with
3 re	espect to funding agreements for determining which organizations are eligible for
4 fir	nancial assistance, the amount of assistance that may be provided, the manner in
5 w	hich assistance will be distributed, and other necessary administrative matters.
6	Moreover, ORS 757.072(4) provides:
7 8 9 10 11	"The commission shall allow a public utility that provides financial assistance under this section to recover the amounts so provided in rates. The commission shall allow a public utility to defer inclusion of those amounts in rates as provided in ORS 757.259 if the public utility so elects."
12 13	ORS 757.259(3), provides:
14 15 16 17	"Upon request of the public utility, the commission by order shall allow deferral of amounts provided as financial assistance under an agreement entered into under ORS 757.072 for later incorporation in rates."
18 19 A	dditionally, the Company notes that deferred amounts under ORS 757.259(3) are not
20 si	ubject to the percentage of gross revenues limitation on amortization or other
21 pi	rovisions of subsections (5), (6), (7), (8), or (10) of ORS 757.259.
22 C	Background of Request for Reauthorization.
23	On July, 2, 2003, pursuant to Section 2 of the Intervenor Funding Act, the
24 C	Commission issued Order No. 03-388, which, among other things, approved the
25 In	ntervenor Funding Agreement among NW Natural, Portland General Electric,
26 P	acifiCorp, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, Avista Corporation, Industrial Customers
27 01	f Northwest Utilities ("ICNU"), Citizens' Utility Board ("CUB"), Northwest Industrial Gas

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Users ("NWIGU") (collectively referred to hereafter as "Joint Parties"), dated February 5,
 2003. The Intervenor Funding Agreement set forth the amount of funding to be
 contributed by each utility and the procedures for budget submittals by intervenors,
 Commission approval of budgets, and the payment of grants by utilities.

In its subsequent Order No. 03-405, the Commission directed the utilities to pay CUB the amount made available for the CUB Fund Grants as defined and provided for in the Intervenor Funding Agreement. Express Commission approval for payment was necessitated by Section 7.1 of the Intervenor Funding Agreement, which provides that "upon request by CUB, the Commission will direct the Participating Public Utilities to pay the amounts made available for the CUB Fund."

On December 29, 2007, the Commission issued Order No. 07-564, which
approved amendments to the Intervenor Funding Agreement previously approved in
Order No. 03-388. In 2012, Joint Parties executed a Second Amended and Restated
Intervenor Funding Agreement which the Commission approved in Order No. 12-452.
This Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement, effective January
1, 2013, through December 31, 2017, increased the CUB Fund, the Preauthorized
Matching Fund, and the Issues Fund by 15% above the levels allowed in prior years.
The Commission approved the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding
Agreement, effective August 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017, in Order No. 15-335.
The amended Intervenor Funding Agreement increased the Issue Fund amount for NW
Natural and for Avista Utilities. NW Natural's Issue Fund amount was changed from
\$66,125 to \$143,750.

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1	D.	Communications.				
2		Communications regarding this Application should be addressed to:				
3		NW Natural				
4		e-Filing for Regulatory Affairs				
5		220 NW Second Avenue				
6		Portland, Oregon 97209-3991				
7		Telephone: (503) 226-4211, ext. 3589				
8		Facsimile: (503) 721-2516				
9		Email: eFiling@nwnatural.com;				
10		Z_{achor} , D. Krawitz (OCD# 452070)				
11		Zachary D. Kravitz (OSB# 152870) Associate Counsel				
12 13		220 NW Second Avenue				
13 14		Portland, Oregon 97209-3991				
15		Phone: (503) 220-2379				
16		Email: zdk@nwnatural.com;				
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18		and				
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20		Kyle Walker, CPA				
21		Rates & Regulatory Affairs				
22		220 NW Second Avenue				
23		Portland, Oregon 97209-3991				
24		Phone: (503) 226-4211 Ext. 5858				
25		Email: Kyle.Walker@nwnatural.com				
26 27	E.	Description of the Expenses or Revenues for which Deferred Accounting is				
28	Requ	uested – OAR 860-027-0300(3)(a).				
29		In accordance with the statutory authority provided by ORS 757.259(3), and the				
30	Com	mission's approval of the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding				
31	Agreement, NW Natural proposes to record and defer the amount of its payment to					
32	CUB as directed by Commission Order No.15-335. The request is pursuant to the					
33	terms of the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement, approved by					
34	the C	ommission in Order No. 15-335.				
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Additionally, the Company proposes to record and defer, on an ongoing basis,
any and all Intervenor Funding Grants as defined and provided for in the Third
Amended and Reinstated Intervenor Funding Agreement, for later incorporation in rates.
The Company will record and defer these ongoing costs upon payment of the Intervenor
Funding Grants following the Commission's approval of the Intervenor Funding Grant
and issuance of an Order directing the Company to make payment, pursuant to the
Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement.

F. Reasons for Application for Reauthorization of Deferred Accounting – OAR 860-027-0300(3)(b).

This request is made in accordance with ORS 757.259(3) that allows for the
deferral of Intervenor funds, and Commission Order No. 15-335 in Docket No. UM 1357,
which directs NW Natural to pay CUB the amounts made available for the CUB Fund
Grants as defined and provided for in the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor
Funding Agreement (\$66,125 for NW Natural).

15 G. Accounting – OAR 860-027-0300(3)(c).

16 NW Natural proposes to record payment of Intervenor Funding Grants in a
17 subaccount of Account 186. In the absence of the Commission's approval of this
18 Application, the Company would not incur the cost of Intervenor Funding Grants. Were
19 such costs incurred, however, they would be recorded in an appropriate sub-account of
20 FERC Account 401.

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1	Н.	Estimated Accounts Subject to Deferr	al – OAR 860-027-0300(3)(d).			
2	Under the current agreement, the maximum amounts to be deferred during the 12-					
3	montl	h period subsequent to the Application are	:			
		Fund				
			¢ 00.405			
		CUB Fund	\$ 66,125			
		Preauthorized Matching Fund	\$ 66,125			
		Issue Fund	<u>\$ 143,750</u>			
		Total	<u>\$ 276,000</u>			
4	Ι.	A description and explanation of the e	ntries in the deferred account to date			
5	of the	e application for reauthorization - OAR &	360-027-0300(4)(a).			
6		Attached as Exhibit A to this application a	are work papers detailing the amounts			
7	defer	red to-date under UM 1101.				
8	J. Reasons for Continued Deferral – OAR 860-027-0300(4)(b).					
9		The deferral is forecasted to continue as	long as the Commission amends the			
10	Interv	venor Funding Agreement which expires De	ecember 31, 2017.			
11	К.	Requirement per Commission Order N	lo. 09-263.			
12		Below is the information required per Co	mmission Order No. 09-263, issued in			
13	Docket UM-1286, Staff's Investigation into Purchase Gas Adjustment Mechanisms:					
14	1. A completed Summary Sheet, the location in the PGA filing, and an					
15	account map that highlights the transfer of dollars from one account to					
16		another.				
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Exhibit A provides the Summary Sheets which show the amounts deferred. Exhibit A will be included in the 2017 PGA filing work papers and in the electronic file entitled "Proposed Temps Oregon 2017-18 PGA filing xls."

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2. The effective date of the deferral.

This application is for the 12-month period beginning July 1, 2017 and ending

June 30, 2018.

3. Prior year Order Number approving the deferral.

Approval to defer costs associated with intervenor funding was last granted under Commission Order No. 16-296.

4. The amount deferred last year.

	Issue Fund	CUB Fund	NWIGU Fund
	Acct 186284	Acct 186276	Acct 186278
Deferred amounts July 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017	\$27,155	\$66,125	\$6,013

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5. The amount amortized last year.

	CUB Fund	NWIGU Fund
	Acct 186286	Acct 186288
Amortized amounts November 1, 2016	* 400.044	¢00.504
through May 31, 2017 with interest	\$133,211	\$33,521

6. The interest rate that will apply to the accounts.

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While the Company does not currently accrue interest on balances deferred for

intervenor funding, the Company is authorized to include carrying costs in accordance

with Section 7.9 of the Second Amended and Restated Agreement included as

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1	attachment A to Commission Order No. Order No. 12-452.
2	7. An estimate of the upcoming PGA-period deferral and/or amortization.
3	The Company estimates that it will defer, and ultimately seek to amortize up to
4	\$276,000.
5	L. Notice – OAR 800-027-0300(6).
6	A notice of this Application has been served on the all parties who participated in
7	the Company's most recent general rate case, UG 221, and is attached to this
8	Application.
9	NW Natural respectfully requests that in accordance with ORS 757.259(3), as
10	amended, the Commission authorize the Company to record and defer Intervenor
11	Funding Grants incurred by the Company pursuant to the Intervenor Funding
12	Agreement, as described in this Application.
13	DATED this 29 th day of June 2017.
14	Respectfully Submitted,
15	NW NATURAL
16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	<u>/s/Zachary D. Kravitz</u> Zachary D. Kravitz (OSB# 152870) Associate Counsel 220 NW Second Avenue Portland, Oregon 97209-3991 Phone: (503) 220-2379 Email: zdk@nwnatural.com
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Company:	Northwest Natural Gas Company
State:	Oregon
Description:	Deferral of Intervenor Funding - ISSUE FUND
Account Number:	186284
	Docket UM 1101
	Last order for deferral reauthorization was Order No. 16-296

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3 4	Month/Year	Note	Deferral-CUB	Deferral-NWIGU	Transfers-CUB	Transfers-NWIGU	Interest (1)	Activity	Balance-CUB	Balance-NWIGU	Balance Grand Total
5	(a)	(b)	(c1)	(c2)	(d1)	(d2)	(e)	(f)	(g1)	(g2)	(gtotal)
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7					amort account	amort account					
8	Beginning Balance										
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117	Dec-15	2	39,000					39,000	56,840	9,122	65,962.30
118	Jan-16	2		13,760				13,760	56,840	22,882	79,722.30
119	Feb-16							0	56,840	22,882	79,722.30
120	Mar-16	2		23,731				23,731	56,840	46,613	103,453.46
121	Apr-16							0	56,840	46,613	103,453.46
122	May-16							0	56,840	46,613	103,453.46
123	Jun-16							0	56,840	46,613	103,453.46
124	Jul-16							0	56,840	46,613	103,453.46
125	Aug-16		8,000	5,581				13,581	64,840	52,195	117,034.92
126	Sep-16							0	64,840	52,195	117,034.92
127	Oct-16							0	64,840	52,195	117,034.92
128	Nov-16	4			(56,840)	(46,613)		(103,453)	8,000	5,581	13,581.46
129	Dec-16	2	12,720					12,720	20,720	5,581	26,301.46
130	Jan-17	2		853				853	20,720	6,435	27,154.61
131	Feb-17							0	20,720	6,435	27,154.61
132	Mar-17							0	20,720	6,435	27,154.61
133	Apr-17							0	20,720	6,435	27,154.61
134	May-17							0	20,720	6,435	27,154.61
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1 Debit (Credit)

139 **1** - No interest is applied to this activity

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141 **2** - Payments made in:

142 October 2015 - see Order 15-301

143 December 2015 - see Order 16-030

144 January 2016 - see Order 16-030

145 March 2016 - see Order 16-108

August 2016 - see Order 16-279 (CUB) and Order 16-278 (NWIGU)

147 December 2016 - see Order 16-498

148 January 2017 - see Order 17-002

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153 3 - Transfer \$40,159.41 of CUB June balance to 186286 amortization account

154 Transfer \$29,545.73 of NWIGU June balance to 186288 amortization account

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156 4 - Transfer \$56,840 of CUB June balance to 186286 amortization account

157 Transfer \$46,613.46 of NWIGU June balance to 186288 amortization account

Company:	Northwest Natural Gas Company
State:	Oregon
Description:	Deferral of CUB Intervenor Funding
Account Number:	186276
	Docket UM 1101
	Last order for deferral reauthorization was Order No. 16-296

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141 **2** - Payments made in:

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 Jan 2016 - see order 16-004

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 Jan 2017 - see order 17-003

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145 **3** - June balance transferred to account 186286 for amortization

Company:	Northwest Natural Gas Company
State:	Oregon
Description:	Deferral of NWIGU Intervenor Funding
Account Number:	186278
	Docket UM 1101
	Last order for deferral reauthorization was Order No. 16-296

1	Debit (Credit)						
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3							
4	Month/Year	Note	Deferral	Transfers	Interest (1)	Activity	Balance
5	(a)	(b)	(C)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
6							
7	Beginning Balance						40.400
114	Oct-15	_	0	(0	18,633
115	Nov-15	3	0	(18,633)		(18,633)	0
116	Dec-15		0			0	0
117	Jan-16		0			0	0
118	Feb-16		0			0	0
119	Mar-16	2	7,204			7,204	7,204
120	Apr-16		0			0	7,204
121	May-16		0			0	7,204
122	Jun-16		0			0	7,204
123	Jul-16		0			0	7,204
124	Aug-16		0			0	7,204
125	Sep-16		0			0	7,204
126	Oct-16		0			0	7,204
127	Nov-16	3	0	(7,204)		(7,204)	0
128	Dec-16		0			0	0
129	Jan-17		0			0	0
130	Feb-17		0			0	0
131	Mar-17		0			0	0
132	Apr-17	2	6,013			6,013	6,013
133	May-17		0			0	6,013
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137 <u>NOTES</u>

138 **1** - No interest is applied to this activity

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140 **2** - Payments made in:

141 March 2016 - see order 16-091

142 April 2017 - see order 17-130

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144 **3** - June balance transferred to account 186288 for amortization

Company:	Northwest Natural Gas Company			
State:	Oregon			
Description:	Amortization of CUB Intervenor Funding			
Account Number:	186286			
	Dockets UM 1101 and UG 306			
	Amortization of 2016 deferral approved in Order 16-400 of UG 306			

1	Debit	(Credit)
2		

2						Interest		
4	Month/Year	Note	Amortization	Transfers	Interest	rate	Activity	Balance
5	(a)	(b)	(C)	(d)	(e1)	(e2)	(f)	(g)
6								
7	Beginning Balance							
123	Oct-15		(2,284)		27	1.77%	(2,257)	17,473
124	Nov-15 (old rates	(2,306)		24	1.77%	(2,282)	15,191
125	Nov-15 r	new rates (1)	(4,545)	106,284	167	1.93%	101,906	117,098
126	Dec-15		(19,028)		173	1.93%	(18,855)	98,242
127	Jan-16		(22,471)		140	1.93%	(22,331)	75,912
128	Feb-16		(14,707)		110	1.93%	(14,596)	61,315
129	Mar-16		(12,707)		88	1.93%	(12,619)	48,696
130	Apr-16		(8,911)		71	1.93%	(8,839)	39,857
131	May-16		(5,291)		60	1.93%	(5,231)	34,626
132	Jun-16		(4,136)		52	1.93%	(4,083)	30,542
133	Jul-16		(3,027)		47	1.93%	(2,980)	27,562
134	Aug-16		(2,499)		42	1.93%	(2,457)	25,106
135	Sep-16		(2,783)		38	1.93%	(2,744)	22,361
136	Oct-16		(4,895)		32	1.93%	(4,863)	17,498
137	Nov-16 (old rates	(4,489)		25	1.93%	(4,464)	13,034
138	Nov-16 r	new rates (1)	(4,281)	122,965	222	2.20%	118,905	131,939
139	Dec-16		(22,187)		222	2.20%	(21,966)	109,973
140	Jan-17		(35,219)		169	2.20%	(35,049)	74,924
141	Feb-17		(26,875)		113	2.20%	(26,762)	48,162
142	Mar-17		(20,319)		70	2.20%	(20,250)	27,912
143	Apr-17		(14,761)		38	2.20%	(14,724)	13,188
144	May-17		(10,415)		15	2.20%	(10,401)	2,787

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148 <u>NOTES</u>

149 **1** - Transfer in represents June balances of deferral accounts 186276 and 186284.

Company:	Northwest Natural Gas Company
State:	Oregon
Description:	Amortization of NWIGU Intervenor Funding
Account Number:	186288
	Dockets UM 1101 and UG 306
	Amortization of 2016 deferral approved in Order 16-400 of UG 306

1	Debit	(Credit)	
2			

3						Interest		
3 4	Month/Year	Note	Amortization	Transfers	Interest	rate	Activity	Balance
5	(a)	(b)	(C)	(d)	(e)	(e2)	(f)	(g)
6								
7	Beginning Balance							
107	Oct-15		(2,854)		7	1.77%	(2,846)	3,593
108	Nov-15 ol	d rates	(99)		5	1.77%	(93)	3,500
109	Nov-15 ne	ew rates (1)	(3,987)	48,179	74	1.93%	44,266	47,766
110	Dec-15		(4,514)		73	1.93%	(4,441)	43,324
111	Jan-16		(4,710)		66	1.93%	(4,644)	38,680
112	Feb-16		(4,089)		59	1.93%	(4,030)	34,651
113	Mar-16		(4,231)		52	1.93%	(4,179)	30,471
114	Apr-16		(3,888)		46	1.93%	(3,842)	26,629
115	May-16		(3,990)		40	1.93%	(3,950)	22,679
116	Jun-16		(3,694)		34	1.93%	(3,661)	19,019
117	Jul-16		(3,710)		28	1.93%	(3,682)	15,337
118	Aug-16		(3,804)		22	1.93%	(3,783)	11,554
119	Sep-16		(3,788)		16	1.93%	(3,773)	7,781
120	Oct-16		(4,160)		9	1.93%	(4,150)	3,631
121	Nov-16 of	d rates	(198)		6	1.93%	(193)	3,438
122	Nov-16 ne	ew rates (1)	(4,279)	53,818	95	2.20%	49,634	53,072
123	Dec-16		(5,106)		93	2.20%	(5,014)	48,059
124	Jan-17		(5,471)		83	2.20%	(5,388)	42,670
125	Feb-17		(4,825)		74	2.20%	(4,752)	37,919
126	Mar-17		(4,979)		65	2.20%	(4,914)	33,004
127	Apr-17		(4,612)		56	2.20%	(4,556)	28,448
128	May-17		(4,761)		48	2.20%	(4,714)	23,735

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132 <u>NOTES</u>

133 **1** - Transfer in represents June balances of deferral accounts 186278 and 186284.



UM 1101

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REAUTHORIZATION TO DEFER EXPENSES FOR INTERVENOR FUNDING GRANTS

June 29, 2017

To All Parties Who Participated in UG 221:

Please be advised that on June 29, 2017 Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural ("NW Natural" or "Company"), applied for Reauthorization to Defer Expenses for Intervenor Funding Grants, pursuant to provisions of ORS 757.259(2)(e). A copy of the Company's application is available for inspection at its main office or at the Public Utility of Oregon's ("Commission") eDocket website.

<u>This is not a rate case</u>. The purpose of this Notice is to inform parties that participated in the Company's most recent general rate case, UG 221, that a Reauthorization Deferral Application was filed.

Parties who desire more information or who wish to obtain a copy of the filing, or notice of the time and place of any hearing, if scheduled, should contact the Company or the Commission as follows:

NW Natural Attn: Kyle Walker, CPA 220 NW Second Avenue Portland, Oregon 97209-3991 Telephone: (503) 226-4211 ext 5858 Public Utility Commission of Oregon Attn: Filing Center 201 High Street SE, Suite 100 PO Box 1088 Salem, Oregon 97308-1088 Telephone: (503) 378-6636

Any person may submit to the Commission written comments on this matter by July 29, 2017. The granting of this Reauthorization of Deferral Application will not authorize a change in rates, but will permit the Company to defer amounts in rates to a subsequent proceeding.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE UM 1101

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REAUTHORIZATION TO DEFER EXPENSES FOR INTERVENOR FUNDING GRANTS, upon all parties of record in docket UG 221, which is the Company's most recent general rate case, by electronic mail.

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