

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 1147

In the Matter of	)	
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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF	)	
OREGON	)	MEMORANDUM
	)	
Staff request to open an investigation	)	
related to deferred accounting.	)	

On July 22, 2004, a prehearing conference was held in this docket. At the conference, an issue was raised regarding whether the docket would involve factual matters and contested case procedures. Northwest Industrial Gas Users (NWIGU) made an oral motion at the conference to receive intervenor funding should the docket be conducted as a contested case.

Pursuant to the Intervenor Funding Agreement, a notice of intent to request an Issue Fund Grant (Notice of Intent) must be filed along with a petition to intervene. As NWIGU’s petition to intervene had already been granted, NWIGU was granted additional time to file a Notice of Intent. On August 6, 2004, NWIGU filed a Notice of Intent. Having already filed a notice of intervention prior to the prehearing conference, the Citizens’ Utility Board (CUB) also filed a Notice of Intent within the extended time period granted to NWIGU. On August 16, 2004, the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) filed a Notice of Intent simultaneously with a petition to intervene.

All three parties conditioned requests for funding on the final scope and procedure adopted in this docket and requested the ability to file proposed budgets after a full procedural schedule is established. On October 25, 2004, a status conference will be held to establish this docket’s procedural schedule. Should the full procedural schedule involve contested case procedures, a date will also be included in the procedural schedule to allow parties that filed a Notice of Intent to submit proposed budgets.

Dated this 18th day of August, 2004.

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Traci A. G. Kirkpatrick  
Administrative Law Judge