

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1633

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

ORDER

Investigation into Treatment of Pension
Costs in Utility Rates.

**DISPOSITION: SECOND AMENDED PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ISSUE
FUND GRANTS APPROVED**

On March 20, 2013, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) filed a proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant in this docket and in Order No. 13-108, we approved the budget showing eligible expenses in the amount of \$62,500 and an issue fund grant in the amount of \$50,000 to be split among the Issue Funds of Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities (\$8,344); Cascade Natural Gas Company (\$8,333); Idaho Power Company (\$8,344); Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural (\$8,333); PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power (\$8,333); Portland General Electric Company (\$8,333). On February 6, 2014, CUB filed a request to amend its proposed budget for issue fund grant from \$50,000 to \$100,000, to be split among the utilities as before; and we approved that amendment in Order No. 14-046. CUB now seeks to amend its Issue Fund Grant from \$100,000 to \$130,000. CUB notes that this additional grant request is for 2015 work and that unlike in its previous two requests, it to allocate the funding differently among the utilities because of outstanding requests in other Avista Utilities dockets. CUB proposes to allocate the additional funds as follows:

NW Natural	Cascade Natural Gas	PGE	PacifiCorp	Idaho Power
\$8,000	\$3,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$3,000

Section 6.7 of the Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement, approved in Order No. 12-452,¹ and Section 6.6 of the Idaho Power – CUB Intervenor Funding Agreement, approved in Order No. 10-396, provide that 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

¹ Order No. 12-452 was subsequently supplemented by Order No. 13-317 to include Exhibits A, B, and C.

issues, positions taken by other parties, changes in the schedule of the case, or other good cause.

Once an amended proposed budget is received, we decide whether Issue Fund Grants are available for use based on factors identified in the intervenor funding agreements. We have the authority to accept, deny or partially deny the request, and may place reasonable conditions on the grant.

CUB is automatically certified to receive intervenor funding under OAR 860-001-0120(3)(a). CUB's second amended proposed budget includes the requisite information and reflects the current schedule adopted in this docket.

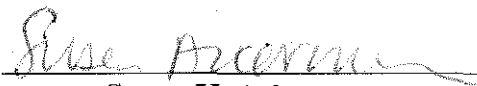
In light of the issues being addressed, the complexity of the issues and the significant policy decisions to be made, we believe that CUB's second amended proposed budget is reasonable and should be approved.

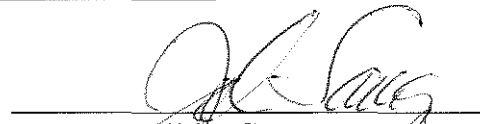
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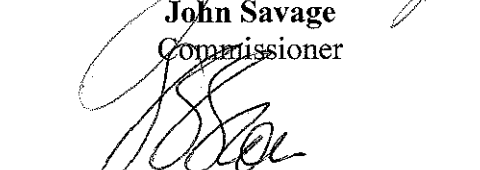
IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon's second amended proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant is approved.
2. An additional \$30,000 is approved for the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon Issue Fund Grants to be allocated as set forth above.

Made, entered, and effective FEB 26 2015.


Susan K. Ackerman
Chair


John Savage
Commissioner


Stephen M. Bloom
Commissioner

