

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**OF OREGON**

**UM 1420**

In the Matter of NW Natural Company's  
Application for Authorization For  
Deferred Accounting of Expenses For  
Industrial Demand Side Management  
Programs

NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS  
USERS' NOTICE OF INTENT TO  
REQUEST ISSUE FUND GRANT

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. 15-335 (October 20, 2015), Northwest Industrial Gas Users ("NWIGU") hereby respectfully submit this Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant in Docket No. UM 1420. As required by the IFA, NWIGU asserts the following:

1. UM 1420 is an Eligible Proceeding under the IFA. The IFA defines an Eligible Proceeding as "any Commission proceeding that directly affects one or more of the Participating Public Utilities." IFA, Section 1(c). UM 1420 will directly affect Northwest Natural Gas dba NW Natural ("NW Natural"), a Participating Public Utility under Section 1(k) of the IFA. Therefore, an Issue Fund Grant is permissible under Section 6.1 of the IFA.

2. As required by IFA Section 6.2, this Notice of Intent is being served on each affected Participating Public Utility, all pre-certified organizations, and all parties identified on the service list for UM 1420.

3. NWIGU identifies the NW Natural Issue Fund Account as the account from which NWIGU intends to request the Issue Fund Grant. The amount of the request will depend on the availability of funds in that account when NWIGU submits a budget.

4. NWIGU has been precertified under Section 5.2 of the IFA and OAR § 860-001-0120(3) as eligible to receive an Issue Fund Grant.

5. NWIGU acknowledged that this docket may proceed without the need for significant process or input by intervenors. NWIGU is filing this notice as a precautionary method, but may also seek Matching Funds instead of an Issue Fund Grant. In the event NWIGU does seek an Issue Fund Grant, it will first submit a budget in accordance with Section 6.3 of the IFA. NWIGU will also coordinate with the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon to ensure there are adequate funds in the accounts identified in this notice.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2016.

Respectfully submitted,



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