

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1722

In the Matter of)	
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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF)	CUB AMENDED REQUEST FOR
OREGON)	ISSUE FUND GRANTS &
)	AMENDED BUDGET
Investigation into Recovery of Safety Costs)	
by Natural Gas Utilities)	
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Pursuant to Section 6.7 of the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (Agreement), which was adopted in Order No. 15-253, the Citizens’ Utility Board submits this Amendment of Proposed Budget in docket UM 1722 from the 2016 Avista Utilities (“Avista”) issue fund, the 2016 Cascade Natural Gas Co. (“Cascade”) issue fund and the 2016 Northwest Natural Gas Co. (“NW Natural”) issue fund. CUB is automatically pre-certified under Section 5.2 of the Agreement

On December 23, 2015, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (“CUB”) requested a total grant of \$15,000, to be split evenly between the 2016 Avista Utilities (“Avista”) issue fund, the 2016 Cascade Natural Gas Co. (“Cascade”) issue fund and the 2016 Northwest Natural Gas Co. (“NW Natural”) issue fund. The Commission approved CUB’s proposed budget in Order No. 16-002.

CUB is now proposing to amend its budget in docket UM 1722. CUB estimates total eligible expenses to be \$30,000 and is seeking a total issue fund grant of \$24,000. CUB seeks the additional \$9,000 grant to be split evenly between the 2016 Avista

Utilities (“Avista”) issue fund, the 2016 Cascade Natural Gas Co. (“Cascade”) issue fund, and the 2016 Northwest Natural Gas Co. (“NW Natural”) issue fund.

Section 6.7 of the Agreement states:

Amendment of Proposed Budget: At any time during the proceeding, 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 issues, positions taken by other parties, changes in the schedule of the case, or other good cause.

There is good cause to support approving CUB’s proposed budget amendment. The scope, complexity of issues, and changes in the schedule of the case have resulted in the need for additional funding that was not originally anticipated when CUB submitted its initial proposed budget, and docket activity is ongoing. Therefore, CUB is seeking to increase its approved budget to \$24,000. CUB’s amended budget accompanies this document as Attachment A.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2016
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Jenks", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bob Jenks
Executive Director
Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon

CUB Amended Budget -- UM 1722

CUB Internal Expenses	Rate	Hours	Cost
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$250	40.00	\$10,000.00
Jaime McGovern, Senior Economist	\$225	50.00	\$11,250.00
Utility Analyst	\$125	13.00	\$1,625.00
Michael Goetz, Staff Attorney	\$175	35.00	\$6,125.00
Sarah Ryan-Knox, Paralegal	\$75	10	\$750.00
<i>Other Expenses</i>			
Printing, Mailing & Travel			\$250.00
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Total Expenses			\$30,000.00
In-House Resources			
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20% of Eligible Expenses			(\$6,000)
Total			\$24,000
CUB Request*			\$24,000.00
Avista			\$8,000.00
Cascade			\$8,000.00
NW Natural			\$8,000.00