

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1744

In the Matter of)	
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS)	REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF ISSUE
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,)	FUND GRANT OF NORTHWEST
)	INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS
Application for Approval of an Emission)	
Reduction Program.)	

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 requests payment of NWIGU’s Issue Fund Grant in Docket No. UM 1744 in the amount of \$23,731.16. In support of this request, NWIGU shows the following:

1. On August 24, 2015, NWIGU filed a Proposed Issue Fund Budget in the amount of \$29,910 less in-house resources of 20 percent, for a total grant request of up to \$23,928. The Commission approved the Issue Fund Grant in the amount requested on August 26, 2015. *In the Matter of Northwest Natural Company, dba NW Natural, Application for Approval of an Emission Reduction Program*, OPUC Docket No. UM 1744, Order No. 15-254 (Aug. 26, 2015).

2. NWIGU hereby requests that the Commission authorize payment of the approved Issue Fund Grant in this docket in the amount of \$23,731.16, which is less than the full amount authorized. NWIGU’s Eligible Expenses for this proceeding through February 2016 are shown in Confidential Attachment A.

3. NWIGU respectfully submits that this request for payment satisfies the requirement of IFA Section 7.3 as follows:

Section 7.3(a) - The itemized expenses, payees and hourly rates are attached as Confidential Attachment A.

Section 7.3(b) - NWIGU was a full and active participant in this docket. NWIGU and its consultants participated in discovery in this proceeding, participated in workshops, participated in informal meetings and telephone conferences with NW Natural, its consultants, Staff and CUB, and participated in settlement workshops and discussions, as well as drafting testimony, briefs and attending hearings. The expenses included in Confidential Attachment A are Eligible Expenses as defined in IFA Section 7.4 and are reasonable and directly attributable to NWIGU's participation in UM 1744 on behalf of all customers.

Section 7.3(c) – The only condition of the Issue Fund Grant is that NWIGU must contribute 20% of Eligible Expenses using in-house resources. NWIGU used its own funds to pay for at least 20% of the Eligible Expenses as required by Section 6.5 of the IFA. Further, NWIGU has supplied substantial resources in this proceeding through its Executive Director's active involvement in addition to the Eligible Expenses set forth on Attachment A.

Section 7.3 (d) – This request is a request for final payment.

4. Section 7.4 – All of the expenses included in Confidential Attachment A are Eligible Expenses as defined in Section 7.4 of the IFA and are consistent with NWIGU's proposed budget in this proceeding.

5. Upon approval of this request for payment by the Commission, NW Natural should send payment to NWIGU as follows, (which address is different than NWIGU's mailing address for service):

Edward Finklea
Executive Director
Northwest Industrial Gas Users
P.O. Box 163
Ashland, Oregon 97520

6. NWIGU has satisfied the terms of the IFA and respectfully requests that the Commission approve payment of NWIGU's Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$23,731.16 from the NW Natural Issue Fund within 30 days of receiving this Request for Payment as provided in Section 7.6 of the IFA. With this payment, there will be a remainder of \$196.84 in the approved Issue Fund Grant that can be released back to NW Natural's Issue Fund.

Dated this 11TH day of March, 2016.

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