

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1744

In the Matter of)	
)	CUB REQUEST FOR AN
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS)	ISSUE FUND GRANT & PROPOSED
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL)	BUDGET
)	
Application for Approval of an Emission)	
Reduction Program)	
_____)	

The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (“CUB”) hereby files this placeholder for a 2015 Northwest Natural Gas Company (“NW Natural” or “Company”) Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$0, with the expectation that it will amend this request at a later date.¹

CUB staff will keep track of their participation by hours and activity.

CUB is precertified per OAR 860-012-0100(3)(a). UM 1744 is an eligible proceeding under the Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”), as approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission in Order No. 12-452, entered November 20, 2012. The proceeding directly affects NW Natural, which is a participating public utility under the IFA. *See* Order No. 12-452 at Article 1(k). CUB filed its Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant concurrent with its Notice of Intervention, as required by the IFA (Article 6.2).

¹ To date, NW Natural’s 2015 Issue Fund has an uncommitted balance of \$33,065.00. Earlier this year, CUB conferred with the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (“NWIGU”) and agreed to limit its requests for NW Natural Issue Fund Grants to half of the available funding for 2015. CUB’s requests for 2015 are equal to its half of the available funds, and therefore its current request is \$0. CUB anticipates, however, that an amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement later this year will provide additional funds to NW Natural’s 2015 issue fund. At such time, CUB will file an amendment to its request for an issue fund grant in this proceeding.

Pursuant to paragraph 6.3 of the IFA, the proposed budget must identify certain points of information. CUB provides the information below.

(a) Statement of Work to Be Performed: CUB intends to participate in every procedural aspect of this case. CUB participated in meetings held prior to NW Natural's filing with the Commission in this case. CUB participated in the pre-hearing conference. We will attend, either in person or by phone, and participate in all or most workshops, settlement meetings, hearings, and any Commission presentations. We will review testimony filed by the Company and by other parties, and will file our own testimony as appropriate. We will pursue discovery, as appropriate, and will respond to data requests asked of us. We will present our recommendations to the Commission.

(b) Description of Areas to Be Investigated: CUB intends to investigate issues including, but not limited to:

- A. NW Natural's carbon reduction activities;
- B. Customer benefits associated with NW Natural's proposal;
- C. Incentive payments related to NW Natural's proposal;
- D. NW Natural's proposed measurement and verification of carbon reductions; and
- E. Issues raised by other parties to the proceeding.

(c) Description of the Class or Classes Benefiting from CUB's Participation:

CUB represents the interests of NW Natural's residential customers, though other customer classes may benefit from many aspects of our participation.

(d) The Fund from Which CUB Seeks an Issue Fund Grant & Available Funds: CUB is seeking an issue fund grant from the 2015 NW Natural Issue Fund. CUB's budget shows total eligible expenses of \$15,800, but seeks an issue fund grant of \$0 until

additional funds are available in NW Natural's Issue Fund. As of August 13, 2015, the current available balance of NW Natural's 2015 Issue Fund is \$33,065.

(e) The Budget Showing Estimated Fees and Costs: CUB's budget accompanies this document as Attachment A.

(f) A Representation of the Use of Matching Funds: The budget and an accounting for the use of matching funds accompany this document as Attachment A.

Dated this 24th day of August, 2015
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Jenks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Bob Jenks
Executive Director
Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon

CUB Proposed Budget -- UM 1744

CUB Internal Expenses	Rate	Hours	Cost
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$250	20.00	\$5,000.00
Jaime McGovern, Senior Economist	\$225	40.00	\$9,000.00
Nadine Hanhan, Utility Analyst	\$125	2.00	\$250.00
Sommer Templet, Staff Attorney	\$175	30.00	\$5,250.00
 <i>Other Expenses</i>			
Printing & Mailing			\$50.00
Travel			\$200.00
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In-House Resources			
20% of Eligible Expenses			(\$3,950)
Total			\$15,800
CUB Request			\$0.00