

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1744

In the Matter of)
)
) REQUEST FOR PROGRESS
 NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS) PAYMENT OF THE CITIZENS'
 COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL) UTILITY BOARD OF OREGON
)
 Application for Approval of an Emission)
 Reduction Program)
)
 _____)

Pursuant to Section 7.3 of the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“Agreement”), which was adopted in Order No. 15-335, the Citizens’ Utility Board of Oregon (“CUB”) submits this request for a progress payment in the amount of \$39,000 of eligible expenses in docket UM 1744 from the NW Natural issue fund. CUB is automatically precertified under Section 5.2 of the Agreement.

On August 24, 2015, CUB submitted a request for an issue fund grant from the NW Natural issue fund, showing eligible expenses of \$19,750 but requesting \$0 due to a lack of funds in the NW Natural Issue Fund. The Commission approved CUB’s request on August 26, 2015 in Order No. 15-253. On November 18, 2015, CUB filed an amendment to its proposed budget, showing eligible expenses in the amount of \$48,750 and seeking an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$39,000. The Commission approved CUB’s amended request on November 19, 2015 in Order No. 15-377.

Under Section 7.3 of the Agreement, each Issue Fund Grant Request for Payment must:

- (a) *Itemize the expenses, payees and hourly rates for amounts to be reimbursed;*
- (b) *Demonstrate that the expenses are reasonable and are directly attributable to issues and positions pursued on behalf of a particular customer class and consistent with the intervenor’s proposed budget;*
- (c) *Provide information sufficient to show that the intervenor has complied with any condition or requirement of the Issue Fund Grant, including, but not limited to, documentation sufficient to show that the intervenor has satisfied the matching fund requirement (i) set forth in Section 6.5 above or (ii) as the Commission may establish as a reasonable condition on Issue Fund Grants, whichever applies; and*

- (d) Specify whether the request for payment is for a progress payment or final payment in full and indicate whether any approved budget amount may be released back to the applicable Issue Fund because the intervenor does not intend to request payment for the full approved budget amount.*
- (a) Confidential Attachment A contains a summary of CUB's expenses to date in this case. Confidential Attachment B provides a list of CUB activities by date and Intervenor Funding Task Category, as well as CUB's mailing and travel expenses to date. Confidential Attachment C breaks out each CUB staff member's time by Intervenor Funding Task Category to date.
- (b) The expenses incurred thus far are reasonable and directly attributable to the issues and positions CUB is addressing in UM 1744 on behalf of residential customers. In support of this assertion, we supply Confidential Attachments A, B, and C which can be compared to CUB's Issue Fund Budget in this case.
- (c) CUB has satisfied the matching fund requirement as demonstrated in Confidential Attachment A, the summary of CUB's expenses. CUB expenses to date after the match are greater than its approved \$39,000 budget.
- (d) This is a request for a progress payment. Depending on the scope of work that remains in this docket, CUB may seek to further amend its proposed budget.

In this filing, CUB requests the progress payment of our costs in UM 1744 amounting to \$39,000 from the NW Natural issue fund. See Confidential Attachment A, CUB Expense Summary. The attached documents should allow the Commission to track the time spent on the elements of the case, and we believe that this filing meets the requirements of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
December 1, 2015



Bob Jenks
Executive Director
Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon

Enc. Attachments A, B and C

cc. Mark Thompson, NW Natural