

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

**UG 347**

In the Matter of	)	
	)	CUB REQUEST FOR AN ISSUE
CASCADE NATURAL GAS	)	FUND GRANT &
CORPORATION,	)	PROPOSED BUDGET
	)	
Request for a General Rate Revision.	)	
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The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (“CUB”) estimates eligible expenses of \$34,375 before the 20% match, and requests a grant of \$27,500 from the 2018 Cascade Issue Fund. CUB has been tracking its participation in this docket by hours and activity.

CUB is pre-certified per OAR 860-012-0100(3)(a). UG 347 is an eligible proceeding under the Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”), as approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission in Order No. 18-017, entered January 17, 2018. The proceeding directly affects Cascade, which is a participating public utility under the IFA. *See* IFA at Article 1(n). The IFA defines an Eligible Proceeding for Issue Funds as a “general rate case request,” IFA, Article 1(c)(i). UG 347 is Cascade’s rate case request, thus an Issue Fund Grant may be made for this proceeding under Article 6.1 of the IFA.

Article 6.2 of the IFA requires an intervenor seeking an Issue Fund Grant to file a Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant. CUB filed its Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant on June 1, 2018, as required by the IFA (Article 6.2).

Article 6.3 of the IFA requires an intervenor seeking an Issue Fund Grant to file a proposed budget within 30 days after the prehearing conference at which the schedule for the

proceeding is established. The date for the UG 347 prehearing conference is yet to be determined.

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 will participate in the pre-hearing conference. We will attend, either in person or by phone, and participate in all or most workshops, hearings, and any Commission presentations. We will review and analyze Cascade's comments. We will review and analyze comments filed by other parties. We will pursue discovery of Cascade through data requests, and we will respond to data requests asked of us. We will file comments and present our recommendations to the Commission, including any proposed modifications or conditions.

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

- i. Capital additions, including prudence review and review for used and useful standard;
- ii. Employee at risk compensation;
- iii. Long-run Incremental Cost Study and Rate Spread;
- iv. 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 Cascade'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 a \$27,500 grant from the 2018 Cascade Issue Fund. CUB's budget shows eligible expenses

of \$ \$34,375, but CUB limits its request in this case to \$27,500. CUB respectfully requests the Commission approve CUB's request for a \$27,500 grant from the 2018 Cascade Issue Fund.

*(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 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Jenks", written in a cursive style.

Bob Jenks  
Executive Director  
Oregon Citizens' Utility Board

## CUB Proposed Budget -- UG 347

<b>CUB Internal Expenses</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$250	40.00	\$10,000.00
Michael Goetz, Staff Attorney	\$225	45.00	\$10,125.00
Sarah Ryan-Knox, Paralegal	\$100	15.00	\$1,500.00
Will Gehrke, Economist	\$200	55.00	\$11,000.00
Ben Swerdlow, Contract Attorney	\$100	15.00	\$1,500.00
 <i>Other Expenses</i>			
Printing, Mailing & Travel			\$250.00
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<b>In-House Resources</b>			
20% of Eligible Expenses			(\$6,875)
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$27,500</b>