

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

**UG 435**

In the Matter of	)	
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NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS	)	REQUEST FOR AN ISSUE FUND
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,	)	GRANT & PROPOSED BUDGET OF
	)	THE OREGON CITIZENS' UTILITY
Request for a General Rate Revision.	)	BOARD
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The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (“CUB”) hereby requests a grant of \$80,000 from the 2022 NW Natural 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 435 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 NW Natural, which is a participating utility under the IFA. See IFA at Article 1(n). The IFA defines an eligible proceeding for Issue Funds in part as a “general rate case request.” IFA at Article 1(c)(i).

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 February 2, 2022.

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 the prehearing conference and will participate in all workshops

and settlement conferences. CUB will pursue discovery of NW Natural through data requests and will respond to data requests asked of us.

*(b) Description of Areas to be Investigated:* CUB is investigating issues including, but not limited to:

- i. Reviewing capital expenditures to ensure any costs were prudently incurred;
- ii. Reviewing issues related to capital structure and ROE;
- iii. Reviewing issues related to rate spread and rate design; and
- iv. Reviewing any other issues raised by other parties in this proceeding.

*(c) Description of the Class or Classes Benefitting 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 a \$80,000 grant from the 2022 NW Natural 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



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# Attachment A

## CUB Proposed Budget - UG 435

<b>CUB Internal Expenses</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$325	50.00	\$16,250.00
Michael Goetz, General Counsel	\$300	80.00	\$24,000.00
Jennifer Hill-Hart, Policy Manager	\$300	35.00	\$10,500.00
Kate Ayres, Policy Advocate	\$200	30.00	\$6,000.00
Thomas Jerin, Office Manager	\$150	5.00	\$750.00
Will Gehrke, Economist	\$275	100.00	\$27,500.00
Sudeshna Pal, Economist	\$250	60.00	\$15,000.00
 <i>Other Expenses</i>			
Travel			
<b>SubTotal</b>			\$100,000.00
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<b>In-House Resources</b>			
20% of Eligible Expenses			\$20,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$80,000</b>