

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 462

In the Matter of)	
)	CUB REQUEST FOR AN ISSUE
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS)	FUND GRANT & PROPOSED
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,)	BUDGET
)	
Renewable Gas Adjustment Mechanism -)	
Dakota City.)	
_____)	

The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB) requests a grant of \$25,000 from the 2023 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 462 is an eligible proceeding under the Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA), as approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission in Order No. 18-017, entered December 29, 2022. The proceeding directly affects NW Natural, which is a participating public utility under the IFA. See IFA at Article 1(k). The IFA defines an Eligible Proceeding for Issue Funds as “any other proceeding so designated by the Commission that directly affects one or more of the Participating Utilities...” IFA, Article 1(e)(v). On May 31st, 2023 in Order No. 23-189 the Commission ruled that UG 462 is an Eligible Proceeding. Article 6.1 of the IFA states “Requests for an Issue Fund Grant may be made only in an Eligible Proceeding for Issue Funds”; thus, UG 462 is eligible for a Request for an Issue Fund Grant.

Article 6.2 of the IFA requires an intervenor seeking an Issue Fund Grant to file a Notice of Intent to Request and Issue Fund Grant. CUB filed its Notice of Intent to Request an Issue

Fund Grant on May 31st, 2023.

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.

Pursuant to article 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 in this proceeding. CUB will review and analyze the comments filed in this docket and will review the briefs yet to be filed. We will pursue discovery of NW Natural through information requests, and we will respond to information requests asked of us. We will file comments and will participate in any public meetings addressing this proceeding.

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

- The reasonableness of the Company's decision to invest in the Dakota City RNG Project;
- The interplay of SB 98 and the Climate Protection Program;
- Issues raised by other parties.

(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 a \$25,000 grant from the 2023 NW Natural Issue Fund. CUB respectfully requests that the

Commission approve CUB's request for a \$25,000 grant from the 2023 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 31st day of May, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael P. Goetz".

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Attachment A

CUB Proposed Budget -- UG 462

CUB Internal Expenses	Rate	Hours	Cost
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$350	15.00	\$5,250.00
Michael Goetz, General Counsel	\$325	24.00	\$7,800.00
Jennifer Hill-Hart, Policy Manager	\$325	6.00	\$1,950.00
Will Gehrke, Senior Economist	\$300	32.00	\$9,600.00
John Garrett, Utility Analyst	\$275	19.60	\$5,390.00
Kate Ayres, Policy Advocate	\$180	7.00	\$1,260.00
<i>Other Expenses</i>			
Travel			
Subtotal			\$31,250.00
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In-House Resources			
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20% of Eligible Expenses			\$6,250
Total			\$25,000