

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

LC 79

In the Matter of)	
)	
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY,)	REQUEST FOR AN ISSUE FUND
dba NW NATRUAL,)	GRANT & PROPOSED BUDGET OF
)	THE OREGON CITIZENS' UTILITY
2022 Integrated Resource Plan)	BOARD

The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (“CUB”) hereby requests a grant of \$40,000 from the 2022 Northwest 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). LC 79 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 PacifiCorp, 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 “an Integrated Resource Plant.” IFA at Article 1(c)(iii).

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 December 22, 2022.

Article 6.3 of the IFA requires an intervenor seeking an Issue Fund Grant to file its proposed budget “30 days after the prehearing conference at which the schedule for the proceeding is established or by such other date as the Commission designates.” CUB respectfully requests a waiver of this requirement of the IFA.

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 prehearing conference and participate in all workshops and settlement conferences. CUB will review and analyze the testimony filed in this docket and file testimony of its own. CUB will pursue discovery of Northwest Natural through data requests and will respond to data requests asked of us. CUB intends to file briefs and participate in any hearings in this proceeding, if appropriate.

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

- Proposed capital investments;
- Projected load growth and resource balance; and
- Issues raised by other parties.

(c) Description of the Class or Classes Benefitting from CUB's Participation: CUB represents the interests of Northwest 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 \$40,000 grant from the 2022 Northwest Natural Issue Fund.

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

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(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 22nd day of November, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Attachment A

CUB Proposed Budget - LC 79

CUB Internal Expenses	Rate	Hours	Cost
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$350	35.00	\$12,250.00
Michael Goetz, General Counsel	\$325	30.00	\$9,750.00
Jennifer Hill-Hart, Policy Manager	\$325	30.00	\$9,750.00
Kate Ayres, Policy Advocate	\$225	10.00	\$2,250.00
Thomas Jerin, Operations Manager	\$180	5.00	\$900.00
Will Gehrke, Economist	\$300	32.00	\$9,600.00
Utility Analyst	\$275	20.00	\$5,500.00
 <i>Other Expenses</i>			
Travel			
SubTotal			\$50,000.00
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In-House Resources			
20% of Eligible Expenses			\$10,000
Total			\$40,000