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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING
& FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Oregon Public Utility Commission
Attn: Filing Center
550 Capitol Street, N.E., #215
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RE: In the Matter of the Automatic Adjustment Clause Filing Under SB 408
Docket No. UG 170

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed please find an original and one (1) copy the Northwest Industrial Gas Users' Proposed Budget for filing in the above-referenced docket.

This was filed electronically with the OPUC on this date, and will be served both electronically and by U.S. Mail on those parties listed on the OPUC's current Service List.

Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully submitted,



Chad M. Stokes

CMS:wc
Enclosures

cc: Current Service List

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 170

In the Matter of OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF directing:)	PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS FOR ISSUE FUND GRANT
)	
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL)	
)	
To file tariffs establishing automatic adjustment clauses under the terms of SB 408.)	

Pursuant to the procedural schedule adopted in the above-captioned proceeding, the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (“NWIGU”) submit its proposed budget for an issue fund grant in the amount of \$22,815.

The Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”), approved by the Commission in Order No. 03-388, provides that precertified intervenors seeking an issue fund grant must submit a proposed budget to the Commission. Accordingly, NWIGU has attached a detailed budget as Appendix A. In addition, the IFA and Commission Order No. 05-1194 require the following information:

1. A Statement of the Work to be Performed.

NWIGU attorneys will review NW Natural’s tariffs establishing automatic adjustment clauses under SB 408, review NW Natural tax filings and related documents, participate in workshops, draft testimony, write briefs and participate in hearings.

2. A Description of the Areas to be Investigated.

NWIGU will review and analyze NW Natural’s tariffs establishing the automatic adjustment clauses established under SB 408 and NW Natural’s tax filings and related documents for compliance with SB 408.

3. A Description of the Particular Customer Class(es) That Will Benefit From the Intervenor's Participation.

NWIGU is a nonprofit association comprised of thirty-two end users of natural gas with major facilities in the states of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. NWIGU members include diverse industrial interests, including food processing, pulp and paper, wood products, electric generation, aluminum, steel, chemicals, electronics, and aerospace. NWIGU members take service from gas utilities under commercial and industrial rate schedules. Accordingly, NWIGU advocacy will benefit the commercial and industrial classes.

4. Identification of the Specific Fund Accounts From Which the Intervenor is Seeking Monies.

NWIGU identifies the Northwest Natural Gas Company Account as the account from which NWIGU is seeking monies. NWIGU is not seeking funds from any other account.

5. A Budget Showing Estimated Attorney, Consultant and Expert Witness Fees, Which May Include the Cost for Appropriate Support Staff and Operations Support.

NWIGU has attached a detailed budget for NWIGU's participation in this proceeding as Appendix A.

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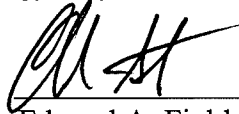
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CONCLUSION

NWIGU respectfully request that the Commission approve its proposed budget for an issue fund grant.

DATED: December 5, 2007.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing **PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS FOR ISSUE FUND GRANT** via electronic mail and/or First Class Mail on:

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NWIGU PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ISSUE FUND

<u>Work to be Performed</u>	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Issues List	Partner	2	\$195	\$390
Research and Review Tax Filings	Partner	25	\$195	\$4,875
Workshop	Partner	10	\$195	\$2,925
Testimony	Partner	20	\$195	\$3,900
Briefs	Partner	40	\$195	\$7,800
Prepare for and Attend Hearings	Partner	15	\$195	\$2,925
Total Hours		112		
Grand Total				\$22,815

APPENDIX A