

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 221

In the Matter of)	
)	REQUEST FOR FINAL PAYMENT
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS)	OF THE CITIZENS' UTILITY
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL)	BOARD OF OREGON
)	
Request for a General Rate Revision)	
_____)	

The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon ("CUB") respectfully submits its request for final payment in docket UG 221 concurrent with its request to amend its previously filed budget in UG 221. Though the Commission has not ruled as to whether it will approve CUB's amended budget in UG 221, for the sake of judicial economy CUB is filing its request for final payment concurrently with its request for an amended budget in UG 221.

Should the Commission grant CUB's request to amend its budget in this proceeding, CUB requests final payment of \$7,390 of eligible expenses in docket UG 221 from the NW Natural Issues Fund pursuant to Section 7.3 of the Intervenor Funding Agreement ("Agreement").¹ CUB is automatically precertified under Section 5.2 of the Agreement.

On February 23, 2012, CUB filed a proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant in this proceeding, showing eligible expenses of \$60,220 and seeking a Grant in the amount of \$45,000. The Commission approved CUB's request on February 24, 2012 in Order No. 12-058. On July 26, 2012, CUB submitted a request for partial payment in the amount of \$45,000, with the stated intention of amending its budget in this docket at a later date. The Commission approved CUB's partial payment request on July 30, 2012 in Order No. 12-298. Concurrent with this filing On November 29, 2012, CUB submitted an amended proposed budget of \$52,390.

Under Section 7.3 of the Agreement, each Issue Fund Grand Request for Payment must:

- (a) *Itemize the expenses, payees and hourly rates for amounts to be reimbursed;*
- (b) *Demonstrate that the expenses are reasonable and are directly*

¹ *Re First Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement, Docket UM 1357, Order No. 07-564 (Dec. 19, 2007).*

attributable to issues and positions pursued on behalf of a particular customer class and consistent with the intervenor's proposed budget;

- (c) Provide information sufficient to show that the intervenor has complied with any condition or requirement of the Issue Fund Grant, including, but not limited to, documentation sufficient to show that the intervenor has satisfied the matching fund requirement (i) set forth in Section 6.5 above or (ii) as the Commission may establish as a reasonable condition on Issue Fund Grants, whichever applies; and*
 - (d) Specify whether the request for payment is for a progress payment or final payment in full and indicate whether any approved budget amount may be released back to the applicable Issue Fund because the intervenor does not intend to request payment for the full approved budget amount.*
- (a) Confidential Attachment A contains a summary of CUB's expenses in this case. Confidential Attachment B provides a list of CUB activities by date and Intervenor Funding Task Category, as well as CUB's mailing and travel expenses. Confidential Attachment C breaks out each CUB staff member's time by Intervenor Funding Task Category. Confidential Attachment D provides the remaining invoices for CUB's share of its expert witness expenses in this docket.
 - (b) The expenses incurred are reasonable and directly attributable to the issues and positions CUB addressed in UG 221 on behalf of residential customers. In support of this assertion, we supply Confidential Attachments A, B, C, which show that CUB's expenses to date have exceeded the costs that were in CUB's Issue Fund Budget in this case.
 - (c) That CUB has satisfied the matching fund requirement is demonstrated in Confidential Attachment A, the summary of CUB's expenses.
 - (d) This is a final payment request.

In this filing, CUB requests the final payment of the eligible remainder of its costs in UG 221 amounting to \$7,390. See Confidential Attachment A, CUB Expense Summary. The attached documents should allow the Commission to track the time spent on the elements of the case, and we believe that this filing meets the requirements of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Parks", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Executive Director
Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon

Enc. Confidential Attachments A, B, C, and D

cc. Mark Thompson, NW Natural

UG 221 – CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on this 30th day of November, 2012, I served the foregoing **REQUEST FOR FINAL PAYMENT OF THE CITIZENS' UTILITY BOARD OF OREGON** in docket UG 221 upon each party listed below by email and, where paper service is not waived, by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, and upon the Commission by email and by sending one original and one copy by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the Commission's Salem offices.

(W denotes waiver of paper service)

(C denotes service of Confidential material authorized)

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