

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 221

In the Matter of)	
)	CUB REQUEST FOR A
)	NW NATURAL ISSUE FUND
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS)	GRANT & PROPOSED BUDGET
COMPANY dba NW NATURAL)	
)	
Request for a General Rate Revision)	
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The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) requests a grant of \$45,000 from the NW Natural Issue Fund. CUB staff will keep track of their participation by hours and activity.

CUB is precertified as per OAR 860-001-0120(3)(a). UG 221 is an eligible proceeding under the First Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA) as approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission in Order No. 07-564, entered December 19, 2007. The proceeding directly affects NW Natural, which is a participating public utility under the IFA. *See* Order No. 07-564 at Article 1(k). CUB filed its Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant on December 30, 2011, as required by the IFA. *See* IFA, Article 6.2.

Pursuant to paragraph 6.3 of the IFA, the proposed budget must identify certain points of information. We provide the information below.

(a) Statement of Work To Be Performed: CUB intends to participate in every procedural

aspect of this case, either in person or by phone, including pre-hearing conferences, workshops, settlement conferences and other meetings, hearings and oral arguments as appropriate. CUB will review and analyze any testimony and any briefs filed by other parties. We will pursue discovery through data requests, and will respond to data requests asked of us as appropriate. We will file testimony, and briefs, and present our recommendations to the Commission, including any proposed modifications or conditions as appropriate.

(b) Description Of Areas To Be Investigated: CUB intends to investigate issues including, but not limited to:

- A. the prudence of capital investment included in filing;
- B. whether costs included in revenue requirement are reasonable;
- C. fairness and accuracy of cost of service study; and
- D. the effect of changes to rate design policy.

(c) Description Of The Class Or Classes Benefiting From CUB's Participation:

CUB represents the interests of NW Natural's residential customers in Oregon.

(d) The Fund from Which CUB Seeks An Issue Fund Grant & Available Funds: CUB is seeking an issue fund grant from the NW Natural Issue Fund. CUB's proposed budget of \$45,000, combined with NWIGU's budget, would leave roughly \$300 uncommitted in the NW Natural Issue Fund, which currently has an uncommitted balance of approximately \$90,349.

(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 accompanies this document as Attachment A.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 2012
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Jenks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Bob Jenks
Executive Director
Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon

CUB Budget - UG 221

CUB Internal Expenses	Rate	Hours	Cost
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$220	60	\$13,200
Catriona McCracken, Attorney	\$220	75	\$16,500
Ray Meyers	\$175	15	\$2,625
Gordon Feighner, Utility Analyst	\$125	100	\$12,500
Sommer Templ+A1et	\$125	20	\$2,500
SA Anders, Business and Projects Mgr	\$75	5	\$375
<i>Other Expenses</i>			
Printing & Mailing			\$75
Travel			\$250
CUB Consultant Expenses			
CUB Share of Revenue Requirements Witnesses			\$26,000
Witness Travel			\$1,250
In-House Resources			
20% of Eligible Expenses			(\$15,055)
Total			\$60,220
CUB Request			\$45,000.00

UG 221 – CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on this 23rd day of February, 2012, I served the foregoing **CUB REQUEST FOR A PGE ISSUE FUND GRANT & PROPOSED BUDGET** in docket UG 221 upon each party listed in the UG 221 Service List 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.

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