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VIA FIRST CLASS AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Hon. Michael Grant
Oregon Public Utility Commission
P.O. Box 1088
Salem, OR 97308-1088

Mike Parvinen
Senior Director-Regulatory Affairs
Cascade Natural Gas Corporation
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Kennewick, Washington 98336-7116

Re: Northwest Industrial Gas Users' Request for Payment of a Preauthorized Matching Fund Grant – Cascade Natural Gas Corporation Account Docket No. UM 1357

Dear Judge Grant:

Northwest Industrial Gas Users ("NWIGU") files this request for payment of Preauthorized Matching Fund Grant for costs incurred from January 1, 2017 through December 29, 2017 from the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation ("Cascade") Preauthorized Matching Fund Account in the amount of $2,756.75. This request for payment is filed pursuant to Section 7.2 of the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement, which was approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission ("Commission") on October 20, 2017 in Order No. 15-335 ("Amended IFA").

NWIGU meets all of the criteria for payment of a Preauthorized Matching Fund Grant from the Cascade Preauthorized Matching Fund Account for 2017, as demonstrated by the following:

1. Under the Amended IFA, Cascade makes available an Annual Grant Amount of $34,500 for Cascade's Preauthorized Matching Fund Account each calendar year during the term of the Amended IFA. Amended IFA at Section 4.2.

2. A Preauthorized Matching Fund Grant from Cascade must be used solely to pay Eligible Expenses for Eligible Proceedings involving Cascade. Amended IFA at Section 4.2.2. NWIGU requests the payment of a Preauthorized Matching Fund Grant for Eligible Expenses incurred in Dockets UM 1357 and UG 251 as Eligible Proceedings from January 1, 2017 through December 29, 2017. NWIGU requests the payment of the $2,756.75 Preauthorized Matching Fund Grant for the expenses listed in confidential Exhibit A, attached, which are Eligible Expenses under Section 7.4 of the Amended IFA.

These expenses are in excess of any amounts recovered through Issue Fund Grants and/or other Matching Fund Grant Requests.

3. A Preauthorized Matching Fund Grant may be provided only if NWIGU demonstrates that it has used in-house resources or outside funding for at least 50% of the Eligible Expenses for Eligible Proceedings. Amended IFA at Section 7.2. As shown in confidential Exhibit A, NWIGU has used in-house resources and outside funding for at least 50% of the Eligible Expenses in these proceedings.

4. NWIGU became precertified as eligible to receive intervenor funding grants under Section 5.2 of the original Intervenor Funding Agreement pursuant to Order No. 04-055, entered by the Commission on February 3, 2004. Under the Amended IFA, funds from Cascade's Preauthorized Matching Fund Account are available for use exclusively by NWIGU. Amended IFA at Section 4.2.2.

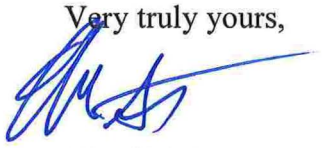
Having demonstrated that it meets all of the criteria and conditions for such request, NWIGU requests payment of a Preauthorized Matching Fund Grant from Cascade's Preauthorized Matching Fund in the amount of $2,756.75. NWIGU requests that the Commission grant this request within 30 days of receipt and order Cascade to pay NWIGU the amount of $2,756.75 within 30 days after receipt of the Commission directive, in accordance with Section 7.2 of the Amended IFA.

Payment should be sent to the following address, which is different than the address NWIGU uses for service of documents:

Ed Finklea
Executive Director
Northwest Industrial Gas Users
P.O. Box 163
Ashland, OR 97520

Thank you, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure
cc: Ed Finklea (via e-mail)