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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING
& FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Oregon Public Utility Commission
Attn: Filing Center
P.O. Box 1088
Salem, Oregon 97308-1088

**Re: *In the Matter of Northwest Natural Gas Company
Mechanism for Recovery of Environmental Remediation Costs***
Docket No. UM 1635

Filing Center:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter, please find an original and one (1) copy of the **Request for Payment of Issue Fund Grant of Northwest Industrial Gas Users**. Please note Exhibit A to the Request is Confidential and should not be posted to the Commission website. The confidential Exhibit will only be provided via first class mail to the Commission and to NW Natural.

A copy of the attached, without the confidential exhibit, will be served on the current Service List via e-mail and/or first class mail.

Thank you for your assistance, and please do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions.

Very truly yours,



Tommy A. Brooks

cc: UM 1635 Service List (via e-mail and/or first class mail)

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1635

In the Matter of)
NW NATURAL GAS COMPANY, dba) REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF ISSUE
NW NATURAL) FUND GRANT OF NORTHWEST
Mechanism for Recovery of) INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS
Environmental Remediation Costs.)

Pursuant to Section 7.3 of the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”) approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) in Order No. 15-335 (October 20, 2015), Northwest Industrial Gas Users (“NWIGU”) hereby requests payment of NWIGU’s Issue Fund Grant in Docket No. UM 1635 in the amount of \$13,760. In support of this request, NWIGU shows the following:

1. On December 23, 2015, NWIGU filed a Proposed Issue Fund Budget for Phase III of this docket in the amount of \$17,200, less in-house resources of 20 percent, for a total grant request of \$13,760. The Commission approved the Issue Fund Grant in the amount requested on January 4, 2016. *In re Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, Mechanism for Recovery of Environmental Remediation Costs*, OPUC Docket No. UM 1635, Order No. 16-001 (Jan. 4, 2016).

2. NWIGU hereby requests that the Commission authorize payment of the Issue Fund Grant in this docket in the amount of \$13,760. NWIGU’s Eligible Expenses for this proceeding through December 2015 are shown in Confidential Attachment A.

NWIGU's actual costs exceeded its proposed budget, but NWIGU seeks only those amounts approved by the Commission.

3. NWIGU respectfully submits that this request for payment satisfies the requirement of IFA Section 7.3 as follows:

Section 7.3(a) - The itemized expenses, payees and hourly rates are attached as Confidential Attachment A.

Section 7.3(b) - NWIGU was a full and active participant in this docket. NWIGU and its consultants participated in discovery in this proceeding, participated in workshops, participated in informal meetings and telephone conferences with NW Natural, its consultants, Staff and CUB, and participated in settlement workshops and discussions. The expenses included in Confidential Attachment A are Eligible Expenses as defined in IFA Section 7.4 and are reasonable and directly attributable to NWIGU's participation in UM 1635 on behalf of all customers.

Section 7.3(c) - The only condition of the Issue Fund Grant is that NWIGU must contribute 20% of Eligible Expenses using in-house resources. NWIGU used its own funds to pay for at least 20% of the Eligible Expenses as required by Section 6.5 of the IFA. Further, NWIGU has supplied substantial resources in this proceeding through its Executive Director's active involvement in addition to the Eligible Expenses set forth on Attachment A.

Section 7.3 (d) - This request is a request for final payment.

4. All of the expenses included in Confidential Attachment A are Eligible Expenses as defined in Section 7.4 of the IFA and are consistent with NWIGU's proposed budget in this proceeding.

5. Upon approval of this request for payment by the Commission, NW Natural should send payment to NWIGU as follows:

Edward Finklea
Executive Director
Northwest Industrial Gas Users
545 Grandview Drive
Ashland, Oregon 97520

6. NWIGU has satisfied the terms of the IFA and respectfully requests that the Commission approve payment of NWIGU's Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$13,760 from the NW Natural Issue Fund within 30 days of receiving this Request for Payment as provided in Section 7.6 of the IFA.

Dated this 20th day of January 2016.

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