

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON
UM 2178

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| In the Matter of |) | |
| |) | CUB REQUEST FOR AN ISSUE |
| OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY |) | FUND GRANT & PROPOSED |
| COMMISSION STAFF, |) | BUDGET |
| |) | |
| |) | |
| Natural Gas Fact Finding per Executive |) | |
| <u>Order 20-04 PUC Year One Work Plan.</u> |) | |

The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (“CUB”) requests a grant of \$17,142 from the 2021 NW Natural Issue Fund, \$8,572 from the 2021 Avista Utilities Issue Fund, and \$4,286 from the Cascade Natural Gas Issue Fund. CUB has been tracking its participation in this docket by hours and activity.

CUB is pre-certified per OAR 860-012-0100(3)(a). UM 2178 is an eligible proceeding under the Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”), as approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (Commission) in Order No. 18-017, entered January 17, 2018. The Commission declared this proceeding as eligible for an Issue Fund Grant in Order No. 21-298 on September 15, 2021. The proceeding directly affects NW Natural, Avista Utilities, and Cascade Natural Gas, which are participating public utilities under the IFA. *See* IFA at Article 1(n).

Article 6.2 of the IFA requires an intervenor seeking and Issue Fund Grant to file a Notice of Intent to Request and Issue Fund Grant. CUB filed its Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant on October 18, 2021, as required by the IFA (Article 6.2).

Pursuant to paragraph 6.3 of the IFA, the proposed budget must identify certain points of

information. CUB provides the information below.

(a) Statement of Work to Be Performed: CUB intends to participate in every procedural aspect of this case. CUB will participate in all workshops and meetings. We will pursue discovery where appropriate through data requests and we will respond to data requests asked of us.

(b) Description of Areas to Be Investigated: CUB is investigating issues including, but not limited to:

- i. Review company proposals regarding compliance with Executive Order 20-04;
- ii. Examine customers' risks which may result from limiting greenhouse gas emissions of regulated natural gas utilities;
- iii. Examine the potential costs, benefits, and impacts to consumers of compliance with Executive Order 20-04; and
- iv. Examine all other issues raised by other parties to this proceeding.

(c) Description of the Class or Classes Benefiting from CUB's Participation:

CUB represents the interests of NW Natural's, Avista Utilities', and Cascade Natural Gas's residential customers, though other customer classes may benefit from many aspects of our participation.

(d) The Fund from Which CUB Seeks an Issue Fund Grant & Available Funds: CUB is seeking a grant of \$17,142 from the 2021 NW Natural Issue Fund, \$8,571 from the 2021 Avista Utilities Issue Fund, and \$4,286 from the Cascade Natural Gas Issue Fund.

(e) The Budget Showing Estimated Fees and Costs: CUB's budget accompanies this document as Attachment A.

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(f) *A Representation of the Use of Matching Funds:* The budget and an accounting for the use of matching funds accompany this document as Attachment A.

Dated this 15th day of November, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment A

CUB Proposed Budget -- UM 2178

| CUB Internal Expenses | Rate | Hours | Cost |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|
| <i>Staff</i> | | | |
| Bob Jenks, Executive Director | \$325 | 50.00 | \$16,250.00 |
| Michael Goetz, General Counsel | \$300 | 25.00 | \$7,500.00 |
| Thomas Jerin, Operations Manager | \$150 | 7.50 | \$1,125.00 |
| Will Gehrke, Economist | \$275 | 5.00 | \$1,375.00 |
| Sudeshna Pal, Economist | \$250 | 45.00 | \$11,250.00 |
| Legal Intern | \$180 | 0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <i>Other Expenses</i> | | | |
| Travel | | | |
| SubTotal | | | \$37,500.00 |
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| In-House Resources | | | |
| 20% of Eligible Expenses | | | \$7,500 |
| Total | | | \$30,000 |