

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON
UM 2178

In the Matter of)	
)	
OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY)	REQUEST FOR FINAL PAYMENT
COMMISSION STAFF,)	OF THE OREGON CITIZENS'
)	UTILITY BOARD
)	
Natural Gas Fact Finding per Executive)	
<u>Order 20-04 PUC Year One Work Plan.</u>)	

Pursuant to Section 7.2 of the Intervenor Funding Agreement,¹ the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board ("CUB") submits this request for final payment of \$30,000, with \$17,142 from the 2021 NW Natural issue fund, \$8,572 from the 2021 Avista Issue Fund, and \$4,286 from the 2021 Cascade Natural Gas Issue Fund. CUB is automatically pre-certified under Section 5.1 of the Agreement.

On November 15, 2021, CUB submitted a proposed budget showing \$37,500 in eligible expenses and requested a grant of \$30,000, with \$17,142 from the 2021 NW Natural Issue Fund, \$8,572 from the 2021 Avista Utilities Issue Fund, and \$4,286 from the 2021 Cascade Natural Gas Issue Fund. The commission approved this request in Order No. 21-424, dated November 20, 2021.

Under Section 7.2 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 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*

¹ The Intervenor Funding Agreement was approved by the Commission in Order No. 20-493 (December 29th, 2020.)

- (d) Specify whether the request for payment is for a progress payment or partial 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, and invoices for all additional expenses. Confidential Attachment C is a copy of the invoice to NW Natural, Avista Utilities, and Cascade Natural Gas, including travel cost details, if applicable.
- (b) The expenses incurred are reasonable and directly attributable to the issues and positions CUB addressed in UM 2178 on behalf of residential customers. In support of this assertion, we supply Confidential Attachments A, B and C which can be compared to CUB's Issue Fund Budget in this case.
- (c) CUB has satisfied the matching fund requirement as demonstrated in Attachment A, the summary of CUB's expenses.
- (d) This is a request for final payment.

In this filing, CUB requests a final payment of its costs in UM 2178, amounting to of \$30,000, with \$17,142 from the 2021 NW Natural Issue Fund, \$8,572 from the 2021 Avista Utilities Issue Fund, and \$4,286 from the 2021 Cascade Natural Gas Issue Fund. (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,
November 15, 2022



Bob Jenks
Executive Director
Oregon Citizens' Utility Board

Enc. Confidential Attachments A, B & C