

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 490

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL

BENCH REQUEST

Request for a General Rate Revision.

The Commission is currently reviewing an intervenor funding request on behalf of “Fair Oregon Utility Rates for Small Business” (FOUR). This request was filed on the last day permissible, today, March 14, consistent with my February 6, 2024 memo outlining intervenor funding procedures and deadlines in this docket. Diane Henkels purports to represent FOUR. Recently, the Commission identified serious issues associated with Diane Henkel’s representation of Small Business Utility Advocates.¹

To assist the Commission in the review of its request for intervenor funding, FOUR is directed to provide the following information to the Commission by 3:00 PM on Monday March 18, 2024, in order that parties may review the public information in the response prior to any filing of a reply to FOUR’s proposed budget²:

1. A list of current members. All member companies and businesses should be identified. Contact information for members must be provided. The utility providers of these companies, including their gas provider must be provided. The class of service provided by their gas supplier must be provided.
2. Most recent year audited financials. If audited financials are not available, then a financial statement of current income and expenses, including the value of any in kind support, must be provided and attested to by an officer or board member of FOUR. All sources of income should be identified, and cash-on-hand.
3. All corporate incorporation information that establishes FOUR as a non-profit organization, including all information supplied to the Oregon Secretary of State.
4. Any agreement between FOUR and Diane Henkels for engagement of attorney services.
5. The identity and contact information for the person or persons responsible for the operation of FOUR, including the identity, title, and contact information of the person authorized to sign contracts on behalf of FOUR, and the identity, title, and contact information of the person authorized to manage and expend all funds controlled by FOUR.

¹ See *In the Matters of PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER, Request for General Rate Revision (UE 399) and PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON Investigation into the Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Utility Customers (UM 2114)*, Order No. 23-444 (Nov. 1, 2023) and *In the Matter of PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY Request for a General Rate Revision*, docket UE 416, Order No. 23-477 (Dec. 18, 2023).

² Replies to filed budgets are due no later than March 21, 2024.

6. Narrative information on how FOUR handles its income, including whether or not FOUR has its own bank accounts, or whether or not contractors or payees of FOUR control or manage any of its income or funds.

The financial, membership information, and Diane Henkel's engagement information in FOUR's response will be treated as confidential, and will not be disclosed on the website, or to other parties. FOUR may email scanned documents to Diane Davis at Diane.DAVIS@puc.oregon.gov. Documents designated as confidential may be faxed to Diane Davis at (503) 378-6163 or sent in a password protected zip file to Diane Davis by email, with the password being sent in a separate email to Diane.

Dated this 14th day of March, 2024, at Salem, Oregon.



Nolan Moser
Chief Administrative Law Judge