BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UG 462

In the Matter of)
)
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS) OREGON CITIZENS' UTILITY
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,) BOARD'S NOTICE OF INTENT TO
) REQUEST ISSUE FUND GRANT
Renewable Gas Adjustment Mechanism -)
Dakota City.)

The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB) files this Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant in UG 462, pursuant to OAR 860-001-0120(3)(a) and the Fifth Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA), approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (Commission) in Order No. 22-506 (December 29, 2022).

- The Public Utility Commission of Oregon has opened a docket to examine
 issues related to NW Natural's proposed Dakota City renewable natural gas
 project for potential recovery in its renewable gas adjustment mechanism. The
 Commission will examine this filing in Docket No. UG 462.
- 2. Article l(e)(v) of the IFA defines an Eligible Proceedings for Issue Funds as a proceeding "so designated by the Commission that directly affects one or more of the Participating Utilities and is anticipated to have a substantial impact on utility rates or service, a significant impact on utility customers or the operations of the utility, is likely to result in a significant change in regulatory policy, or raises novel questions of fact or law." On May 30th, 2023 in Order No. 23-189 the Commission ruled UG 462 is an Eligible Proceeding for Issue Funds.

- 3. UG 462 will directly affect NW Natural, which is a Participating Public Utility under Article 1(k) of the IFA.
- 4. Article 6.1 of the IFA states "Requests for an Issue Fund Grant may be made only in an Eligible Proceeding for Issue Funds"; thus, UG 462 is eligible for a Request for an Issue Fund Grant.
- 5. As required by IFA Article 6.2, this Notice of Intent is being served on each affected Participating Public Utility, all pre-certified organizations, and all parties identified on the service list from UG 462.
- 6. CUB identifies the 2023 NW Natural Issue Fund Account as the account from which CUB intends to request the Issue Fund Grant.
- 7. CUB has been pre-certified under Article 5.2(a) of the IFA and OAR 860-001-0120(3)(a), as eligible to receive an Issue Fund Grant.
- 8. CUB will file a proposed budget with respect to the Issue Fund Grant, as provided in Article 6.3 of the IFA.

Dated this 31st day of May, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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