

ORDER NO. 16 106

ENTERED MAR 15 2016

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1357 (63)

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL GAS
USERS

Request for Intervenor Funding.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: MATCHING GRANT REQUEST APPROVED

On February 25, 2016, the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (NWIGU) filed a Request for Payment of a Preauthorized Matching Grant. On March 9, 2016, NWIGU filed a request replacing the February 25, 2016 filing. Section 7.2 of the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (Agreement), adopted by the Commission in Order No. 15-335, governs the procedures for payment of Matching Fund Grants. Funds from the Cascade Natural Gas Company Matching Fund are available for use exclusively by NWIGU. NWIGU was precertified to receive Matching Fund Grants on February 3, 2004, in Order No. 04-055.

NWIGU asks for \$4,941.43 from the Cascade Natural Gas Preauthorized Matching Fund Account. Under the terms of the Agreement, NWIGU must establish that it has used in-house resources or outside funding for at least 50 percent of the Eligible Expenses for an Eligible Proceeding. NWIGU provided the required documentation in its request.

Section 7.7 of the Agreement provides that the Commission will make a determination in each proceeding as to how the participating utilities are to recover the funding grants from the various customer classes. Section 7.7(b) of the Agreement provides that the Preauthorized Matching Grants are allocated and charged to industrial customers.

The Commission finds that NWIGU has met the requirements of the Agreement, and its request should be approved. Section 7.2 of the Agreement provides that the utility must pay the Preauthorized Matching Grant to the requesting intervenor within 30 days after receipt of the Commission directive.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Northwest Industrial Gas Users has met the requirements of the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement, and its request is approved.
2. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation pay \$4,941.43 from the Cascade Natural Gas Preauthorized Matching Fund to the Northwest Industrial Gas Users within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant is assessed to Cascade Natural Gas's industrial customers.

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Made, entered, and effective _____.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Grant".

Michael Grant
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Administrative Hearings Division