

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,

Request for a General Rate Revision.

ORDER

**DISPOSITION: AMENDED PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ISSUE FUND GRANT
APPROVED**

On February 27, 2024, the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB) filed a proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant in this proceeding. CUB's proposed budget showed eligible expenses of \$112,505; and it sought an Issue Fund Grant of \$90,000. The Commission approved that proposed budget in Order No. 24-060. On August 16, 2024, CUB filed an amended proposed budget showing \$207,200 in eligible expenses and seeking an additional \$60,000 in funding, bringing the total issue fund grant to \$150,000.

Section 6.7 of the Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA), approved by the Commission in Order No. 22-506, provides that an intervenor who received Commission approval for an Issue Fund Grant may file to amend its budget and request additional funding due to unforeseen changes in the scope or complexity of issues, positions taken by other parties, changes in the schedule of the case, or other good cause.

Once an amended proposed budget is received, the Commission decides whether additional Issue Fund Grants are available for use based on factors identified in the IFA. The Commission has the authority to accept, deny, or partially deny the request, and may place reasonable conditions on the grant.

CUB was automatically precertified to receive Issue Fund Grants under Section 5.2(a) of the IFA and OAR 860-001-0120(3)(a). CUB's amended proposed budget includes the requisite information and reflects the current schedule adopted in this docket.

In light of the issues being addressed, the complexity of the issues and the significant policy decisions to be made, the Commission believes that CUB's amended proposed budget is reasonable and should be approved.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board's proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant is approved.
2. An Issue Fund Grant is approved up to \$150,000.

Made, entered, and effective Aug 28, 2024.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alison Lackey".

Alison Lackey
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Administrative Hearings Division