

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY dba NW NATURAL,

Alternative Rate Mechanism.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: MOTION TO DESIGNATE PROCEEDING AS ELIGIBLE FOR
ISSUE FUNDS GRANTED

On December 2, 2025, the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (AWEC), filed a motion to designate these proceedings as eligible for an Issue Fund Grant. No party responded to AWEC's motion.

The Fifth Amended Intervenor Funding Agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 22-506, defines "Eligible Proceedings for Issue Funds" as a proceeding before the Commission to review:

1. A general rate case request,
2. The proposed acquisition or merger of one of the Participating Public Utilities,
3. An Integrated Resource Plan, Clean Energy Plan, Distribution System Plan, or Transportation Electrification Plan,
4. An annual power cost request (such as PGE's Annual Update Tariff or PacifiCorp's TAM) or a purchase gas adjustment request, or
5. Any other proceeding so designated by the Commission that directly affects one or more of the Participating Utilities and is anticipated to: (1) have a substantial impact on utility rates or service, (2) a significant impact on utility customers or the operations of the utility, (3) result in a significant change in regulatory policy, (4) or raise novel questions of law.

NW Natural is a participating utility. In its motion, AWEC states that these proceedings will directly affect NW Natural and its customers and may have a significant impact on customer rates.

The Commission has delegated to the Chief Administrative Law Judge the authority to sign uncontested orders relating to Intervenor Funding Agreements that determine a proceeding to be eligible for issue or case funding.¹

I agree that these proceedings qualify as an eligible proceeding under the last criterion because this docket may have a substantial impact on utility rates. Accordingly, AWEC's motion should be granted, and this docket should be certified as an eligible proceeding.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that this proceeding is designated as eligible for Issue Funds.

Made, entered, and effective December 10, 2025.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alison Lackey", is written over a horizontal line.

Alison Lackey
Chief Administrative Law Judge

¹ In the Matter of Public Utility Commission of Oregon, The Delegation of Certain Duties and Powers of the Public Utility Commission, Docket No. CD 27, Order No. 25-408 (Oct. 15, 2025).