

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 527

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,

Application for an Alternative Rate
Mechanism, New Schedule 123.

ORDER

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

On June 17, 2026, the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB) filed an amended request for an Issue Fund Grant and amended budget in this proceeding. The Commission approved CUB's original proposed budget in Order No. 26-063 and authorized a grant of up to \$45,000.00 from the 2026 Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural Issue Fund.¹ CUB's amended budget shows \$223,247.50 in eligible expenses and CUB now seeks \$62,960.00 from the 2026 NW Natural Issue Fund. To accommodate its proposed amended budget in this proceeding, CUB concurrently filed a request to reallocate \$17,960.00 from its 2026 NW Natural Issue Fund Grant in docket LC 86 to its amended budget in this proceeding.

The Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement² 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 agreement. The Commission has the authority to accept, deny or partially deny the request,

¹ Order No. 26-063 (Mar. 2, 2026).

² *In the Matter of Public Utility Commission of Oregon, Approval of the Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement*, Docket No. UM 2264, Order No. 22-506 (Dec. 29, 2022).

and may place reasonable conditions on the grant. The Commission delegated responsibility to sign uncontested orders relating to Intervenor Funding Agreements, including authorizing partial or final payments to the Chief Administrative Law Judge, consistent with Order No. 25-408.³

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

In light of the scope and complexity of the issues being addressed and the continuing procedural schedule in this proceeding, I find good cause to approve CUB's amended proposed budget.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board's proposed amended budget for an Issue Fund Grant from the 2026 Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural Issue Fund is approved.
2. An Issue Fund Grant is approved up to \$62,960.00 from the 2026 Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural Issue Fund.

Made, entered, and effective Aug 17 2026.



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

Alison Lackey
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Administrative Hearings Division

³ *In the Matter of Public Utility Commission of Oregon, The Delegation of Certain Duties and Powers of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon*, Docket No. CD 27, Order No. 25-408 (Oct. 15, 2025).