

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Reimbursing the Vernonia Rural)
Fire Protection District Pursuant to ORS 275.275(2))
)
[2009 Distribution – Mist Gas Field Revenues])
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ORDER NO. 38 - 2009

WHEREAS, on December 29, 1994, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Order No. 338-94 which, among other things, authorized the Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District (RFPD) to apply for reimbursement for a portion of their operational costs due to the impaction on the District by natural gas exploration, development, transportation and storage in the Mist gas fields; and

WHEREAS, this reimbursement would be made to the Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District ("Vernonia RFPD") out of the proceeds received from the Mist gas field and pursuant to ORS 275.275(2); and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2009, the Vernonia RFPD submitted a list of budgeted expenditures for the 2008 - 2009 fiscal year, along with the corresponding percentage which is a result of impaction in the amount of \$30,045.00 certified to be for the costs described above; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed and approved these costs, and the Columbia County Treasurer has verified said costs; and

WHEREAS, the Request for Reimbursement and Certification, the Board's approval and the Treasurer's verification referred to above are attached hereto as Exhibits A, B and C, respectively, and are incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the amount of funds available for reimbursement for impaction at this time is \$76,150.32 and, by prior authorization, Vernonia RFPD is entitled to thirty-four percent (34%) of those funds; and

WHEREAS, this matter is now before the Board of County Commissioners for approval of reimbursement in the amount of \$25,891.11 which is the allowable amount of reimbursement for the above-mentioned costs approved pursuant to Order No. 338-94 and Order No. 36 -2009;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED the Vernonia RFPD shall be reimbursed in the amount of \$25,891.11 as a portion of their operational costs due to impaction on the district by natural gas exploration, development, transportation and storage in the Mist gas fields, as described in the attached Exhibit A.

DATED this 24th day of June, 2009.

Approved as to form

By: Susan Lawson
Office of County Counsel

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: Jeta M. Penland
Chair

By: [Signature]
Commissioner

By: [Signature]
Commissioner

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Phone: (503) 429-8252

Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District

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PO Box 346
Vernonia, OR 97064



EMS COMPANY
Phone: (503) 429-4600

June 16, 2009

Columbia County Board of Commissioners
ATTN: Cynthia
230 Strand Street
St. Helens, Oregon 97051

RE: 2008-2009 Impact Request

Dear Cynthia;

We are asking for reimbursement of Impact funds under ORS 275.275 (2) (b). The following amount is being requested for reimbursement of operational costs in the amount of \$ 30,045.00.

Attached you will find a copy of our Operational cost projected out in percentage based on our current budget for the 2008-2009 budget years. You will also find attached a copy of the certificate signed.

I would like to say that we appreciate the Board of Commissioners consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Karin Goodman
Secretary/ Bookkeeper
Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District

COLUMBIA COUNTY

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COUNTY COUNSEL

EXHIBIT A



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CERTIFICATE

On behalf of the Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District, we certify that the attached "Exhibit A" is a listing of budgeted expenditures for the 2008-2009 fiscal year along with the corresponding percentage, which is a result of "Impaction" on the district. This "Impaction" is due to the natural gas exploration, development, transportation and storage in the Mist gas fields. It has been determined that a portion of these operation costs are reimbursable under ORS 275.275 (2) (b).

Dated this 16th day of June 2009

VERNONIA RURAL FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT

Dean Smith, Acting Fire Chief

Karin Goodman, District Secretary / Bookkeeper

COST OF OPERATION

The following is a listing of budgeted expenditures for the 2008-2009 fiscal year and the corresponding percentage, which is a result of "Impaction".

<u>2008-2009 Budget</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>15% Impaction</u>
Personal Services	\$ 107,300	\$ 16,095.00
Materials and Services	\$ 81,500	\$ 12,225.00
Capitol Outlay	\$ 6,500	\$ 975.00
Contingencies	\$ 5,000	\$ 750.00
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Sub Total	\$ 200,300	\$ 30,045.00

Total amount requested for reimbursement \$ 30,045.00

Note: Unappropriated and Reserve funds are not included in the amounts above.

If the total requests for reimbursement exceed the total amount available for disbursement from the "impact fund", we request that the formula approved and applied in November of 1994 be used to determine the disbursement amounts. Enclosed is a cost of operation statement and a certification of cost signed by our staff.



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MEMORANDUM

TO : Ruth Baker, Treasurer

FROM : Board of Commissioners

DATE : June 22, 2009

RE : Review and Determination Regarding Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District's June 16, 2009, Request for Reimbursement, Certificate and Cost Bill

The Board of County Commissioners has reviewed the June 16, 2009, request for reimbursement, certificate and cost bill submitted by the Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District for a portion of their operational costs incurred due to the impact on the district of natural gas exploration, development, transportation and storage in the Mist gas fields. The Board has determined that the documentation is adequate and that the operational costs incurred meet the requirements for which the Board originally approved reimbursement, under ORS 275.275(2), in Order No. 338-94.

The Board hereby requests that you verify the cost bill sought for reimbursement, as required by ORS 275.275(2), and sign and return the attached verification document to the Office of County Counsel.

Thank you.

COLUMBIA COUNTY

*Office of the Treasurer
Ruth Baker*


*Columbia County Courthouse
St. Helens, Oregon 97051*

VERIFICATION

Pursuant to ORS 275.275(2)(b), I have reviewed the attached June 16, 2009, request for reimbursement, certificate and cost bill submitted by the Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District and hereby verify that, to the best of my knowledge, they are for a portion of the operational costs incurred due to the impaction on the district of natural gas exploration, development, transportation and storage in the Mist gas fields. The Board of County Commissioners has determined these costs to be reimbursable under ORS 275.275(2)(b) and for which distribution has been authorized in Order No. 338-94 and Order No. 36 - 2009.

Dated this 22nd day of June, 2009.

COLUMBIA COUNTY TREASURER

By: 
Ruth Baker