

**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) )**

**ORDER NO 22-2014**

**[2014 Distribution — Mist Gas Field Revenues]**

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 ("Vernonia RFPD") to apply for reimbursement for a portion of their operational costs due to the impact on the District by natural gas exploration, development, transportation and storage in the Mist gas fields; and

WHEREAS, this reimbursement is made to the Vernonia RFPD under Order No. 338-94 out of the proceeds received from the Mist gas field and pursuant to ORS 275.275(2); and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2014, the Vernonia RFPD submitted a list of budgeted expenditures for the 2013- 2014 fiscal year, along with the corresponding percentage which are a result of impact in the amount of \$39,316.80 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 impact at this time is \$35,565.64 and, by prior agreement, 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 \$12,092.34, which is the allowable amount of reimbursement for the above-mentioned costs approved pursuant to Order No. 338-94 and Order No. 21 -2014;

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Vernonia RFPD shall be reimbursed in the amount of \$12,092.34 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 18th day of June, 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Approved as to form

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Office of County Counsel



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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 2013-2014 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 27th day of May 2014

VERNONIA RURAL FIRE  
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## COST OF OPERATION

The following is a listing of budgeted expenditures for the 2013-2014 fiscal year and the corresponding percentage, which is a result of "Impaction".

<u>2013-2014 Budget</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>15% Impaction</u>
Personal Services	\$ 121,862	\$ 18,279.30
Materials and Services	\$ 112,850	\$ 16,927.50
Capitol Outlay	\$ 17,400	\$ 2,610.00
Contingencies	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,500.00
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Sub Total	\$ 262,112	\$ 39,316.80

Total amount requested for reimbursement \$ 39,316.80

Note: Unappropriated, Debt Service 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.



EXHIBIT B

Columbia County



## Board of Commissioners

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### MEMORANDUM

TO : Jennifer Cuellar, Treasurer

FROM : Board of Commissioners

DATE : June 12, 2014

RE : Review and Determination Regarding Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District's May 27, 2014, Request for Reimbursement, Certificate and Cost Bill

The Board of County Commissioners has reviewed the May 27, 2014 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 impaction on the District of natural gas exploration, development, transportation and storage in the Mist gas field. 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(5), and sign and return the attached verification document to the Office of County Counsel.

Thank you.



# COLUMBIA COUNTY

Jennifer Cuellar-Smith, Director

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### CERTIFICATE

Pursuant to ORS 275.275(2)(b), I have reviewed the May 27, 2014, request for reimbursement, certificate and cost bill submitted by the Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District and 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 Order No. A - 2014.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

Columbia County Treasurer

By: Jennifer Cuellar-Smith  
Jennifer Cuellar-Smith