

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON**

In the Matter of Reimbursing the)	
Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District)	Order No. 42-2017
Pursuant to ORS 275.275(2))	
[2017 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 5, 2017, the Vernonia RFPD submitted a list of budgeted expenditures for the 2016- 2017 fiscal year, along with the corresponding percentage which are a result of impaction in the amount of \$50,290.20 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 available for reimbursement for impaction at this time is \$27,147.35 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 \$9,230.10, which is the allowable amount of reimbursement for the above-mentioned costs approved pursuant to Order No. 338-94 and Order No. 44-2017;

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Vernonia RFPD shall be reimbursed in the amount of \$9,230.10 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 14th day of June, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: 
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: 
Alex Tardif, Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: 
Office of County Counsel



Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District

May 5, 2017

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

RE: 2016-2017 Impact Request

Dear Jennifer;

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 \$ 50,290.20.

Attached you will find a copy of our Operational cost projected out in percentage based on our current budget for the 2016-2017 budget year. 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,

Earl Dean Smith
Fire Chief
Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District

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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 2016-2017 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 5th day of May 2017

VERNONIA RURAL FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT

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COST OF OPERATION

The following is a listing of budgeted expenditures for the 2016-2017 fiscal year and the corresponding percentage, which is a result of "Impaction".

<u>2016-2017 Budget</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>15% Impaction</u>
Personal Services	\$ 201,218	\$ 30,182.70
Materials and Services	\$ 117,800	\$ 17,670.00
Capitol Outlay	\$ 16,250	\$ 2,437.50
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Sub Total	\$ 335,268	\$ 50,290.20

Total amount requested for reimbursement \$ 50,290.20

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.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jennifer Cuellar, Treasurer

FROM: Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 23, 2017

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

The Board of County Commissioners has reviewed the 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 5, 2017, 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. 44 – 2017.

Dated this ___th day of June, 2017.

Columbia County Treasurer

By: 
Jennifer Cuellar-Smith