

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. 111 - 2002**
)
[December 2002 Distribution])
_____)

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 out of the proceeds received pursuant to ORS 275.275(2); and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2002, the Vernonia RFPD submitted a list of budgeted expenditures for the 2002-2003 fiscal year, along with the corresponding percentage which is a result of impaction in the amount of \$30,097.50 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 relevant billings, certification, approval and verification referred to above are attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as follows:

- Certificate and Cost Bill..... Exhibit A
- Review and Approval Exhibit B
- Verification Exhibit C; and

WHEREAS, the amount of funds available for reimbursement for impaction at this time is \$17,089.75 and by prior authorization, Vernonia RFPD is entitled to 34% of those funds; and

WHEREAS, this matter is now before the Board of County Commissioners for approval of reimbursement in the amount of \$5,810.51 which is the allowable amount of reimbursement for the above-mentioned costs approved pursuant to Order No. 338-94 and Order No. 109-2002;

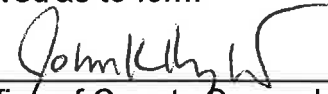
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

Vernonia RFPD shall be reimbursed in the amount of \$5,810.51 as a portion of their operational costs due to impact 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 December, 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

Approved as to form

By: 
Office of County Counsel

By: 
Chair

By: 
Commissioner

By: 
Commissioner

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EXHIBIT A

CERTIFICATE

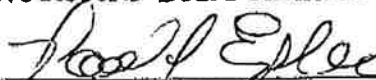
On behalf of the Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District, we certify that the attached "Exhibit A" is a listing of budgeted expenditures for the 2001-2002 fiscal year along with the corresponding percentage, which is a result of "Impaction" on the district. This "Impaction" is due to the natural gas 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 10th day of December 2002

VERNONIA RURAL FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT



Steve Roberts Board Chairman



Paul Epler, Fire Chief

It can be argued that while the cost is due to readiness, the community benefits by having this additional equipment and trained staff for the purpose of Impaction incidents. With adjustments for this, the cost of maintaining a state of readiness is at least 15% of general operation.

COST OF OPERATION

The following is a listing of budgeted expenditures for the 2002-2003 fiscal year and the corresponding percentage, which is a result of "Impaction".

<u>2001-2002 Budget</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>15% Impaction</u>
Personal Services	\$ 92,550	\$ 13,882.50
Materials and Services	\$ 68,250	\$ 10,237.50
Capitol Outlay	\$ 10,800	\$ 1,620
Contingencies	\$ 14,550	\$ 2,182.50
Sub Total	\$ 186,150	\$ 27,922.50

Note: The amount of impact funds will affect the number of years our new equipment will be in service.

		<u>20 year depreciation</u>	<u>15% Impaction</u>
Engine	\$230,000	\$ 11,500	\$ 1,725
Rescue	\$ 38,000	\$ 1,900	\$ 285
Box Conversion	\$ 12,000	\$ 600	\$ 90
Utility Change over	\$ 10,000	\$ 500	\$ 75
Total	\$290,000	\$ 14,500	\$ 2,175

Total amount requested for reimbursement \$ 30,097.50.

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Commissioner Rita Bernhard
Commissioner Anthony Hyde
Commissioner Joe Corsiglia

Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary

MEMORANDUM

TO : Paulette Kuiper, Treasurer

FROM : Board of Commissioners

DATE : December 13, 2002

RE : Review and Determination Regarding Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District's December 12, 2002. Request for Reimbursement, Certificate and Cost Bill

The Board of County Commissioners has reviewed the December 12, 2002, request for reimbursement, certificate and cost bill submitted by the Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District for a portion of the 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.

Thank you.

EXHIBIT C

COLUMBIA COUNTY

*Office of the Treasurer
Paulette Kuiper*

*Second Floor, Courthouse
St. Helens, Oregon 97051*

VERIFICATION

Pursuant to ORS 275.275(2)(b), I have reviewed the attached December 12, 2002, 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. 109 - 2002.

Dated this 13 day of December, 2002.

COLUMBIA COUNTY TREASURER

By: Paulette Kuiper
Paulette Kuiper, Treasurer