

Division of Public Utilities and Carriers

Memorandum

To: Luly Massaro
Commission Clerk

Date: 1/12/18

From: Patricia Smith *P.S.*
Utility Analyst, Division of Public Utilities & Carriers

Subject: RIPUC Docket #4341 Pascoag Utility District Request to Use Funds from
the Storm Reserve

On December 12, 2017 Pascoag Utility District ("Pascoag", or "PUD") filed with the Commission a request to make a withdrawal from the Storm Reserve Fund. It is the second filing, per Docket #4341, Section D of the Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in Order # 20977 and issued on February 28, 2013. It approves an annual funding allowance of \$20,000.00 for storm related expenses and Pascoag can only access the funds when costs for storm-related repairs total more than \$4,000.00 and is subject to a deductible of \$2,500.00.

Pascoag incurred incremental expenses that totaled \$22,143.50 due to a Rain/Wind storm which occurred on Sunday October 29, 2017 and the restoration work was not completed until Wednesday October 31, 2017. The incremental expenses incurred from the rain/wind storm are listed below:

Labor on the overhead lines	\$ 14,611.07
Customer Service & Administrative labor	\$ 3,691.05
Materials used in the field	\$ 1,323.79
15 KVA Transformer Replacement	\$ 975.00
FICA Tax on Labor hours	\$ 1,400.32
Meals and beverages	<u>\$ 142.27</u>
Total	\$ 22,143.50

As part of the Pascoag filing, supporting documentation was included that is consistent with the calculations stated above.

This is Pascoag Utility Districts' second request to withdraw from the storm reserve fund since the Decision was issued in February of 2013. Pascoag is requesting to expend \$19,643.50 (\$22,143.50 - \$2,500.00 deductible) of the total \$85,494.00 currently in the storm reserve fund.

After reviewing the filing of the Company with all its submissions, the Division finds that the request is consistent with the approved procedure and is well documented and recommends approval of the request to withdraw \$19,643.50 from the Storm Reserve Fund as proposed.