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Public Utility Commission of Oregon Administrative Hearing Division

Public Utility Commission Attn: Filing Center 550 Capitol St. NE #215 P.O. Box 2148 Salem OR 97308-2148

Re:

In the Matter of PACIFICORP Request for a General Rate Revision

Docket No. UE 210

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed please find an original Proposed Budget for Issue Fund Grant on behalf of the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities in the above-referenced docket.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Mison M. Wils

**Enclosures** 

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### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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#### **OF OREGON**

**UE 210** 

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	)	Public <b>Utility Commission of Orego</b> Administrative Hearing Division
In the Matter of	)	PROPOSED BUDGET FOR
	)	ISSUE FUND GRANT OF THE
PACIFICORP	)	INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS OF
	)	NORTHWEST UTILITIES
Request for a General Rate Revision	)	

Agreement ("IFA") approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission ("Commission") by Order No. 07-564 (December 19, 2007), the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities ("ICNU") files this Proposed Budget in UE 210 (the "Proceeding") for an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$89,720. ICNU proposes that this grant be funded from the PacifiCorp Issue Fund Account. ICNU respectfully requests that the Commission act on this Proposed Budget within fourteen days of receipt, as provided by Section 6.4 of the IFA. The following information is provided in accordance with Section 6.3 of the IFA:

## (1) <u>Statement of the work to be performed by ICNU for which ICNU is seeking the Issue</u> Fund Grant:

ICNU has retained Davison Van Cleve, P.C. to represent ICNU in UE 210. In UE 210, PacifiCorp filed an application for its Request for a General Rate Revision. The IFA defines an Eligible Proceeding as "any Commission proceeding that directly affects one or more of the Participating Public Utilities. . . ." IFA, Section 1(c). UE 210 directly affects PacifiCorp, which falls under the definition of "Participating Public Utility" in Section 1(k) of the IFA.

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Therefore, UE 210 is an Eligible Proceeding and an Issue Fund Grant may be made for this

proceeding under Section 6.1 of the IFA.

ICNU intends to conduct discovery, and attend all clarifying sessions, workshops,

settlement conferences and hearings in UE 210. In addition, ICNU intends to sponsor expert

witness testimony and prepare briefs as called for by the procedural schedule in this Docket.

(2) <u>Description of the areas to be investigated by ICNU:</u>

ICNU intends to investigate PacifiCorp's proposed Request for a General Rate

Revision, including but not limited to issues involving its net power costs, rate spread and rate

design, return on equity, general accounting issues, and the prudence of resource acquisitions.

(3) Description of the particular customer class or classes that will benefit from ICNU's

participation:

ICNU's participation will directly benefit industrial customers who take service

from PacifiCorp. ICNU's investigation regarding the Request for a General Rate Revision

should benefit all of PacifiCorp's customers. ICNU has participated in previous PacifiCorp

General Rate Case proceedings, including UE 179 (PacifiCorp's most recent Oregon rate case),

and PacifiCorp's other recent rate proceedings. Thus, ICNU and its members possess significant

interest and expertise with respect to issues regarding PacifiCorp's rates and services.

(4) Identification of the specific Fund account from which ICNU is seeking the Issue Fund

**Grant:** 

ICNU is seeking an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$89,720. ICNU proposes

that the grant amount be allocated from the PacifiCorp Issue Fund Account established under

IFA Section 4.2.3. ICNU has been informed that the amount available in the PacifiCorp Issue

Fund Account is \$208,440.

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(5) <u>Budget showing estimated attorney and consultant fees and expert witness fees:</u>

Attached as Exhibit A are ICNU's estimated attorney and consultant fees in UE

210. ICNU's witness(es) will address PacifiCorp's Request for a General Rate Revision.

(6) Matching Funds

ICNU represents that it will use matching funds in the form of either in-house

resources or outside funding to account for or pay at least 20% of the Eligible Expenses for

which ICNU is seeking an Issue Fund Grant.

**Basis for Request** 

ICNU respectfully requests that the Commission grant its request for this Issue

Fund Grant in the amount of \$89,720 based on the following considerations:

1. In this Docket, PacifiCorp proposes to increase industrial rates by 13.7%.

As a result, UE 210 may have a significant and direct impact on PacifiCorp's industrial

customers.

2. Although PacifiCorp has increased rates on an annual basis, this is the first

recent general rate case since 2006. ICNU needs to thoroughly analyze the costs that PacifiCorp

is proposing to recover.

3. ICNU represents the interests of industrial customers and has significant

experience participating in Commission proceedings involving rates and rate revisions. ICNU's

participation will benefit all PacifiCorp industrial customers.

4. ICNU has been pre-certified under Section 5.1 of the IFA and OAR §

860-017-0050(3) as eligible to receive an Issue Fund Grant by Order No. 03-502, which was

entered on August 21, 2003.

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Therefore, ICNU respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order granting an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$89,720. ICNU prepared the attached budget on the basis of the schedule adopted in the prehearing conference report issued in this Docket on April 21, 2009.

Dated this 22nd day of May, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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# Exhibit A Proposed Budget of ICNU

UE 210

<u>Exhibit A</u>

<u>ICNU Proposed Budget for Issue Fund Grant</u>

Personnel	Hours	Rate	Cost
Attorney Fees			
Senior Attorney	50	\$225.00	\$11,250
Associate Attorney	140	\$185.00	\$25,900
Expert Witness Fess			
Witness 1 (Discovery, Travel, Testimony, and Hearing regarding Net Power Costs)		\$17,500	\$17,500
Witness 2 (Discovery, Travel, Testimony, and Hearing regarding Rate Spread/Rate Design)		\$25,000	\$25,000
Witness 3 (Discovery, Travel, Testimony, and Hearing regarding ROE (Return on Equity))		\$20,000	\$20,000
Witness 4 (Discovery, Travel, Testimony, and Hearing regarding A&G (pension, labor costs, etc.))		\$10,000	\$10,000
Other Expenses			
Travel			\$2,000.00
Printing and Postage			\$500.00
		Subtotal	\$112,150
		Less 20% In-House Resources	\$22,430
		Total	\$89,720

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing Proposed Budget for Issue Fund Grant on behalf of the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities upon the parties, on the service list, by causing the same to be deposited in the U.S. Mail, postage-prepaid, and via electronic mail.

Dated at Portland, Oregon, this 22nd day of May, 2009.

Sincerely,

Allison M. Wils

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