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Via Electronic Filing

Public Utility Commission of Oregon Attn: Filing Center 3930 Fairview Industrial Drive SE Salem OR 97302

Re: PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER 2016 Transition Adjustment Mechanism **Docket No. UE 296**

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket, please find the Proposed Budget for Issue Fund Grant of the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jesse O. Gorsuch Jesse O. Gorsuch

Enclosure

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UE 296

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In the Matter of PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER 2016 Transition Adjustment Mechanism

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ISSUE FUND GRANT OF THE INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS OF NORTHWEST UTILITIES

Pursuant to Section 6.3 of the Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement ("IFA") approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission ("Commission") by Order No. 12-452 (November 7, 2012), the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities ("ICNU") files this Proposed Budget in Docket No. UE 296 (the "Proceeding") for an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$33,560. ICNU will bear all of its costs in this proceeding that exceed ICNU's proposed budget. 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 in 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> <u>Fund Grant:</u>

ICNU has retained Davison Van Cleve, P.C. to represent ICNU in UE 296. 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 296 directly affects PacifiCorp, which falls under the definition of "Participating Public Utility" in Section 1(k) of

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the IFA. Therefore, UE 296 is an Eligible Proceeding, and an Issue Fund Grant may be made for this proceeding under Section 6.1 of the IFA.

ICNU will attend all clarifying sessions, workshops, public meetings, oral presentations and hearings in UE 296. ICNU plans to conduct discovery in this proceeding. In addition, ICNU will submit expert witness testimony and briefs as called for by the procedural schedule in this Docket.

(2) Description of the areas to be investigated by ICNU:

ICNU intends to investigate numerous aspects of PacifiCorp's 2016 Transition Adjustment Mechanism ("TAM"), including PacifiCorp's power costs, direct access credits, gas hedges, and the impact of PacifiCorp's participation in the energy imbalance market. In addition, ICNU will review PacifiCorp's proposed changes to the methodologies used in its GRID model, as well as any other issues raised by PacifiCorp's filing or by other parties.

(3) <u>Description of the particular customer class or classes that will benefit from the intervenor's participation:</u>

ICNU's participation will directly benefit industrial customers, as well as all other large non-residential customers of PacifiCorp.

(4) <u>Identification of the specific Fund account from which ICNU is seeking the Issue Fund</u> <u>Grant and available funds</u>:

ICNU proposes a total budget of \$41,950, and is seeking an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$33,560. ICNU will bear the costs of its participation to the extent that its costs exceed the proposed budget. However, in the event that the Commission elects to modify the scope of this proceeding, ICNU reserves the right to file a request to amend its budget.

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ICNU estimates that the amount currently available in the PacifiCorp Issue Fund Account for 2015 is 36,995.^{1/}

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

Attached as Exhibit A is ICNU's proposed budget in UE 296.

(6) Matching Funds

As required by Section 6.3(f) of the IFA, ICNU represents that it will use matching fund resources 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. As such, ICNU seeks an issue fund grant for 80% of its proposed budget in this proceeding. ICNU's proposed budget assumes a fully litigated case. If the case is settled prior to hearing, actual expenses could be lower.

Basis for Request

ICNU respectfully requests that the Commission grant its request for this Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$33,560 based on the following considerations:

1. In this proceeding, PacifiCorp has proposed an \$11.8 million, or 0.9% average, rate increase.

2. ICNU represents the interests of industrial customers and has significant experience participating in Commission proceedings involving PacifiCorp's power costs. ICNU filed power cost testimony in all of PacifiCorp's past TAM cases, including Docket No. UE 287, PacifiCorp's most recent TAM proceeding. Thus, ICNU possesses significant interest and

¹/ This amount assumes the Commission will approve CUB's Request for an Issue Fund Grant and Proposed Budget in Docket No. LC 62, filed on June 4, 2015.

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expertise with respect to the subject matter in this proceeding. ICNU's participation will benefit all of PacifiCorp's industrial and large non-residential customers.

3. ICNU has been precertified under Sections 5.1 and 5.2 of the IFA and

OAR § 860-001-0120(3)(b), as eligible to receive an Issue Fund Grant, by Commission Order

No. 03-502, which was entered on August 21, 2003.

Therefore, ICNU respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order

granting an Issue Fund Grant in the amount specified above.

Dated this 8th day of June, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

ICNU Proposed Budget for Issue Fund Grant

Personnel	Hours	Rate	Cost
Attorney Fees			
Senior Attorney	20	\$275	\$5,500
Associate Attorney	40	\$205	\$8,200
Paralegal	50	\$150	\$7,500
Expert Witness Fess			
Expert 1	135	\$150	\$20,250
Other Expenses			
Travel			\$200
Printing and Postage			\$300
Subtotal			\$41,950
20% of ICNU Funded Expenditures			\$8,390
Total ICNU PacifiCorp Issue Fund Grant Proposed Budget			\$33,560
Total ICNU Issue Fund Request			\$33,560

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