

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1673

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Report to the Legislature on
Effectiveness of Incentive Programs for
Solar Photovoltaic Energy

OREGONIANS FOR RENEWABLE
ENERGY PROGRESS'S
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST
AN ISSUE FUND GRANT

Oregonians for Renewable Energy Progress (“OREP”) files this Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant in the above-captioned docket, UM 1673, pursuant to OAR § 860-001-0120 and Section 6.2 of the First Amended and Restate Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”). OREP submits this Notice of Intent to notify the Oregon Public Utility Commission (“Commission”), pre-certified organizations and intervenors in UM 1673 that OREP will request intervenor funding for this proceeding.

1. In 2013, the Oregon Legislature passed HB 2893, which directed the Commission to study the effectiveness of programs that provide incentives for the use of solar photovoltaic energy systems. As part of the study, the Commission is directed to investigate the resource value of solar energy, investigate the costs and benefits of the programs for retail electricity consumers, identify barriers within the programs to providing incentives for the development of solar energy systems and make recommendations for modifying the programs or establishing new programs for the

purpose of providing incentives for the development of solar photovoltaic energy systems. This matter has been docketed by the Commission as UM 1673.

2. UM 1673 is an Eligible Proceeding under the IFA. Article 1(c) of the IFA defines “Eligible Proceeding” as any Commission proceeding that directly affects one or more of the Participating Public Utilities. Docket UM 1673 will directly affect PGE and PacifiCorp, both of which are Participating Public Utilities under Article 1(k) of the IFA. Therefore, UM 1673 is an Eligible Proceeding for which an Issue Fund Grant may be made pursuant to Article 6.1 of the IFA.

3. OREP identifies the PGE Issue Fund and the PacifiCorp Issue Fund as accounts from which OREP intends to request an Issue Fund Grant.

4. OREP is engaged in discussions with other intervenors concerning the need to retain outside consulting assistance to professionally study unquantified components of solar resource value. This Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant reflects those joint discussions in part.

Item (a.) in OREP’s Proposed Budget, “Consultant fees directly attributable to participation in proceeding” is intended to provide partial funding for a joint stakeholder-funded professional study of unquantified components of solar resource value that would be relevant to policy makers.

Dated this 9th day of December 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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