## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

### OF OREGON

#### **UM 1679**

In the Matter of	) CUB REQUEST FOR AN ISSUE FUND GRANT & PROPOSED
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY	) BUDGET
Detailed Depreciation Study of Electric Utility Properties	) ) )

The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon ("CUB") requests a grant of \$20,000 from the Portland General Electric ("PGE") Issue Fund. This presumes a fully litigated case; settlement of some or all of the issues would likely reduce our total request for reimbursement. CUB staff will keep track of their participation by hours and activity.

CUB is precertified per OAR 860-001-0120(3)(a) and Article 5.2(a) of the Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement ("IFA"). UM 1679 is an eligible proceeding under the Article 1(c) of the IFA. The proceeding directly affects PGE, which is a participating public utility under the IFA Article 1(k). CUB filed its Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant concurrent with its Notice of Intervention, as required by the Article 6.2 of the IFA.

Pursuant to Article 6.3 of the IFA, the proposed budget must identify certain points of information. We provide the information below.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement was approved by the Commission in Order No. 12-452 (Nov. 20, 2012) and was subsequently supplemented by Exhibits A, B and C by Order No. 13-317 (Sept. 3, 2013).

- (a) Statement of Work to Be Performed: CUB intends to participate in every procedural aspect of this case. CUB participated in the pre-hearing conference. We will attend, either in person or by phone, and participate in all or most workshops, settlement meetings, hearings, and any Commission presentations. We will review and analyze PGE's testimony and briefs. We will review and analyze testimony and briefs filed by other parties. We will pursue discovery of PGE through data requests, and will respond to data requests asked of us. We will file reply testimony, as well as opening and closing briefs.
- (b) Description of Areas to Be Investigated: CUB intends to investigate issues including, but not limited to:
  - A. Review PGE's new depreciation rates to ensure that the proposed depreciation rates fit with the expected lifetime of the assets; and
  - B. Issues raised by other parties to this proceeding.
- (c) Description of the Class or Classes Benefiting From CUB's Participation:
   CUB represents the interests of PGE's residential customers, though other customer classes may benefit from many aspects of our participation.
- (d) The Fund from Which CUB Seeks an Issue Fund Grant & Available Funds: CUB is seeking an issue fund grant of \$20,000 from the PGE Issue Fund. As of January 17, 2014, the PGE Issue Fund had an uncommitted balance of approximately \$158,622.
- (e) The Budget Showing Estimated Fees and Costs: CUB's budget accompanies this document as Attachment A.

(f) A Representation of the Use of Matching Funds: The budget and an accounting for the use of matching funds accompany this document as Attachment A.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014 Respectfully submitted,

**Executive Director** 

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Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon

\$20,000

# **CUB Proposed Budget -- UM 1679**

CUB Internal Expenses	Rate	Hours	Cost
Staff			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$250	15.00	\$3,750.00
Catriona McCracken, General Counsel	\$250	18.00	\$4,500.00
Jaime McGovern, Sr. Utility Analyst	\$225	65.00	\$14,625.00
Sommer Templet, Staff Attorney	\$175	8.00	\$1,400.00
Nadine Hanhan, Utility Analyst	\$125	4.00	\$500.00
SA Anders, Director of Operations	\$75	2.00	\$150.00
Other Expenses			
Printing, Mailing & Travel			\$75.00
In Harris Barrison			
In-House Resources			
20% of Eligible Expenses			(\$5,000)

Total

## **UM 1679 – CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that, on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014, I served the foregoing **CUB** REQUEST FOR AN ISSUE FUND GRANT & PROPOSED BUDGET in docket UM 1679 upon each party listed in the UM 1679 PUC Service List by email and, where paper service is not waived, by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, and upon the Commission by email and by sending one original and one copy by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the Commission's Salem offices.

(W denotes waiver of paper service)

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