

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON
UM 1773**

In the Matter of)	
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PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY)	PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ISSUE FUND GRANT FOR SMALL BUSINESS UTILITY ADVOCATES
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PGE Partial Waiver of Competitive Bidding Guidelines, Approval of RFP Schedule)	
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Pursuant to Section 6.3 of the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”) approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) in Order 15-335, Order 16-256, and OAR 860-001-0120, Small Business Utility Advocates (“SBUA”) respectfully submits this Proposed Budget for Issue Fund Grant (“Proposed Budget”) in UM 1773 seeking an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$4,085. The following information is provided in accordance with Section 6.3 of the IFA:

1. Statement of the work performed by SBUA for which SBUA is seeking the Issue Fund Grant:

SBUA has retained Cleantech Law Partners PC to represent SBUA in UM 1773. Counsel for SBUA has attended public and special meetings by phone and in person respectively, reviewed documents prepared for the RFP, consulted with experts and utility staff, researched, obtained, and referred for comparative value relevant example language from other documents, consulted with experts, coordinated input from members, drafted and submitted comments.

2. Description of areas to be investigated by SBUA:

SBUA has investigated and intends to investigate further how the requests for proposal process affect small business, including whether small business receives equitable

opportunities in bidding and the impact that the request for proposal pricing may have on the utility rates of small business.

3. Description of the particular customer class that benefit from the intervenor's participation.

SBUA's participation will directly benefit small nonresidential customers who are ratepayers of Portland General Electric and who may be participants in the proposal process.

4. Identification of the specific Fund account from which SBUA is seeking the Issue Fund Grant:

SBUA is seeking an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$4,085 from the PGE Issue Fund Account, established under IFA Section 4.2.3. SBUA would bear the cost of its anticipated participation to 20% of the work. As of August 2, 2016, current Intervenor Funding available total \$12,471.85 , but as this matter has been expedited by PGE, and would otherwise have been addressed in 2017, requests funds be advanced from PGE's 2017 allocation, which is estimated to be \$12,471.85.

5. Budget showing estimated attorney and consultant fees and expert witness fees:

Attached as Exhibit A is SBUA's Proposed Budget. The Proposed Budget details the hours and hourly rates of SBUA's attorneys' and experts' input. The Proposed Budget was developed based on work performed in previous dockets based on review and comment.

6. Representation that the intervenor 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 the work performed for which the intervenor is seeking an Issue Fund Grant:

As required by Section 6.5 of the IFA, SBUA represents that it has used and 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 SBUA is seeking an Issue Fund Grant. Having reviewed and commented twice SBUA provides this current budget, however, if the scope of the case is expanded, SBUA would petition to submit a revised budget.

SBUA respectfully requests that the Commission grant its request for this Issue Fund Grant in the amount \$4,085 based on the following considerations:

1. Small business participation in the proposal process will be impacted by the guidelines and schedule developed in this docket, and the costs associated with the request for proposal process may impact PGE rates paid by the SBUA members who are PGE customers.

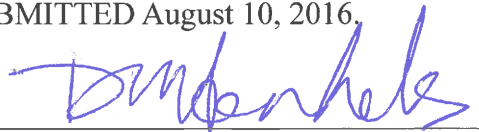
2. SBUA has reviewed PGE's RFP draft proposals, researched the issues and related law and materials, and responded with comments, consulted with experts and utility staff, and participated in meetings regarding the proposal process.

3. SBUA represents the interests of small nonresidential customers and has experience participating in Commission proceedings involving PGE. SBUA's participation will benefit PGE small nonresidential (a.k.a. small business) customers and other classes of customers.

4. Pursuant to IFA 5.3 and Commission Order 16-256, SBUA's Petition for Case Certification was granted. SBUA has since then submitted a Notice of Intent to Request Issue Fund, enabling SBUA to submit this Proposed Budget for consideration.

Therefore, SBUA respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order granting an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$4,085. SBUA prepared the attached budget on the basis of costs incurred in this matter to date and comparable to previous cases. SBUA is available for questions or to submit additional information.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED August 10, 2016,



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Public Utility Commission of Oregon

**UM 1773 PGE PARTIAL WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING
GUIDELINES, APPROVAL OF RFP SCHEDULE**

Exhibit A

Small Business Utility Advocates' Proposed Budget for Issue Fund Grant

Personnel	Hours	Rate	Cost
Executive Director	4	250	\$1000
Sr. Attorney— Public rate	10	\$285	\$2850
Jr. Attorney	3	\$225	\$675
Administrative support	6	\$30	\$180
Expert Witness fees	2	\$150	\$300
Costs:			
Travel	188	\$0.54	\$102
Subtotal:			\$5107
20% SBUA:			\$1021
Total SBUA Issue Fund Request:			\$4085

