# **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

## **OF OREGON**

### UM 1330

In the Matter of	)	
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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF	)	ORDER
OREGON	)	
	)	
Investigation of Automatic Adjustment	)	
Clause pursuant to SB 838.	)	

### DISPOSITION: PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR ISSUE FUND GRANTS APPROVED

On September 21, 2007, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) and the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) each filed a proposed budget in this proceeding for Issue Fund Grants from the PacifiCorp and Portland General Electric Company funds.

The Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA), approved by the Commission in Order No. 03-388, provides that precertified intervenors must submit a proposed issue fund budget to the Commission that contains, at a minimum, the following information:

- 1) A statement of the work to be performed;
- 2) A description of the areas to be investigated;
- 3) A description of the particular customer class(es) that will benefit from the intervenor's participation;
- 4) Identification of the specific fund accounts from which the intervenor is seeking monies; and
- 5) A budget showing estimated attorney, consultant and expert witness fees, which may include the cost for appropriate support staff and operations support.

Once a proposed budget is received, we decide whether Issue Fund Grants are available for use based on factors identified in the agreement. We have the authority to accept, deny or partially deny the request, and may place reasonable conditions on the grant.

CUB was automatically precertified to receive Issue Fund Grants under Section 5.2(a) of the IFA and OAR 860-012-0100(3)(a). ICNU became precertified on

August 21, 2003, in Order No. 03-502. Both proposed budgets include the requisite information and reflect the current schedule adopted in this docket.

In light of the issues being addressed, the complexity of the issues and the significant policy decisions to be made, we believe that the proposed budgets are reasonable and should be approved.

#### ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1) The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon's proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant is granted. The budget is approved up to \$16,810.

2) The Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities' proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant is granted. The budget is approved up to \$50,765.

Made, entered, and effective	OCT 0 8 2007
Lee Beyer	John Savage
Chairman	Commissioner
	Ray Baum Commissioner

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-014-0095. A copy of any such request must also be served on each party to the proceeding as provided by OAR 860-013-0070(2). A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480-183.484.