

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1357 (19)

In the Matter of

INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS OF
NORTHWEST UTILITIES

ORDER

Request for Intervenor Funding.

DISPOSITION: MATCHING GRANT REQUEST APPROVED

On November 25, 2009, the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) filed with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) a Request for Payment of a Preauthorized Matching Grant. On December 8, 2009, ICNU filed an amended request. Section 7.2 of the First Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA), adopted by the Commission in Order No. 07-564, provides that the Commission will grant such a request if the intervenor satisfies the requirements under the terms of the Agreement.

ICNU asks for \$57,500 from the Portland General Electric Company (PGE) Preauthorized Matching Fund Account. Funds from PGE's Preauthorized Matching Fund Account are available for use exclusively by ICNU. Section 7.2 of the IFA, governs the procedures for payment of Matching Grants. To be eligible to receive intervenor funding under the IFA, an intervenor must become either precertified under section 5.2 of the IFA or case certified under section 5.3 of the IFA. ICNU was precertified to receive intervenor funding grants in Order No. 03-502.

Under the terms of the Section 7.2 of the IFA, ICNU must establish that it has "used in-house resources or outside funding for at least 50% of the Eligible Expenses for an Eligible Proceeding." ICNU provided such documentation in its request.

Section 7.7 of the IFA provides that the Commission shall make a determination in each proceeding as to how the participating utilities are to recover the funding grants from the various customer classes. Pursuant to Section 7.7(b), the "Preauthorized Matching Grants shall be allocated and charged to industrial customers."

We find that ICNU has met the requirements of the IFA, and its request should be approved. Section 7.2 of the IFA provides that the utility shall pay the Preauthorized Matching Grant to the requesting intervenor within 30 days after receipt of Commission directive.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. The Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities has met the requirements of the Intervenor Funding Agreement, and its request is approved.
- 2. Portland General Electric Company shall pay \$57,500 from the PGE Preauthorized Matching Fund to the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities within 30 days after receipt of this Order, and the grant shall be assessed to PGE's industrial customers.

Made, entered, and effective DEC 1 4 2009.



Lee Beyer
 Chairman



John Savage
 Commissioner



Ray Baum
 Commissioner

