

ORDER NO. 14 006

ENTERED JAN 09 2014

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF  
OREGON

Investigation into Treatment of Pension  
Costs in Utility Rates.

ORDER

**DISPOSITION: AMENDED PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ISSUE FUND  
GRANT APPROVED**

On April 15, 2013, the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) filed a proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant in this docket and in Order No. 13-144, we approved the budget showing eligible expenses in the amount of \$25,000 and an issue fund grant in the amount of \$20,000 to be split equally between the Portland General Electric Company and the PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power Issue Funds. On January 2, 2014, ICNU filed a request to amend its proposed budget issue fund grant. The amended proposed budget shows eligible expenses in the amount of \$38,250, and ICNU now seeks to amend its Issue Fund Grant from \$20,000 to \$30,600. ICNU notes that this additional grant amount is to be split equally between the utilities' issue funds, with \$5,300 from the 2013 PGE Issue Fund and \$5,300 from the 2014 Pacific Power Issue Fund.

The Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (Agreement), approved in our Order No. 12-452<sup>1</sup>, provides that an intervenor who received Commission approval for an Issue Fund Grant may file to amend its budget and request additional funding due to unforeseen changes in the scope or complexity of issues, positions taken by other parties, changes in the schedule of the case, or other good cause. Agreement at 15.

Once an amended 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Order No. 12-452 was subsequently supplemented by Order No. 13-317 to include Exhibits A, B, and C.

ICNU became precertified on August 21, 2003, in Order No. 03-502. ICNU's amended proposed budget includes the requisite information and reflects 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 ICNU's amended proposed budget is reasonable and should be approved.


### ORDER


IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities' amended proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant is approved.
2. An additional \$10,600 is approved for the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities' Issue Fund Grant.

Made, entered, and effective JAN 00 2014.

  
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**Susan K. Ackerman**  
Chair

  
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**John Savage**  
Commissioner

  
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**Stephen M. Bloom**  
Commissioner

