

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1633

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Investigation into Treatment of Pension
Costs in Utility Rates.

ORDER

**DISPOSITION: SECOND 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. On January 2, 2014, ICNU filed a request to amend its proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant, and in Order No. 14-006, we approved the amended budget showing eligible expenses in the amount of \$38,250, and an Issue Fund Grant increase of \$10,600. The amended Issue Fund Grant was split equally between the Portland General Electric Company and PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power Issue Funds. ICNU subsequently requested payment of the approved amounts.

On December 10, 2014, ICNU filed a second amended proposed budget showing eligible expenses of \$30,896.60 and seeking an Issue Fund Grant of \$24,717.28¹. On the same day, ICNU also filed requests for final payment and reallocation of Issue Fund Grants in dockets UE 287 and UM 1689. ICNU requests that the funds released from its UE 287 and UM 1689 PacifiCorp Issue Fund Grants be reallocated to its UM 1633 budget.

The Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (Agreement), approved in our Order No. 12-452², 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.

¹ ICNU's filing on December 10, 2014, contained a typographical math error. On December 19, 2014, ICNU filed a corrected proposed budget.

² Order No. 12-452 was subsequently supplemented by Order No. 13-317 to include Exhibits A, B, and C.

Agreement at 15. Section 6.7 of the Agreement states that an intervenor with approved Issue Fund Grants in multiple dockets may request to reallocate approved amounts between dockets, and the request must meet all applicable requirements under Section 6.3 of the Agreement. No objections to amendment of the proposed budget were filed.

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.

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.

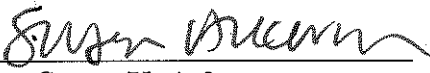
In light of the issues being addressed, the complexity of the issues and the significant policy decisions to be made, we believe that ICNU's amended proposed budget is reasonable and should be approved.

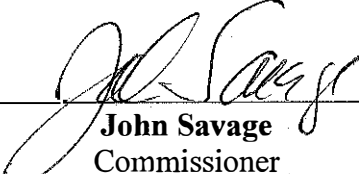
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IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities' second amended proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant is approved.
2. An additional \$24,717.28 is approved for the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities' Issue Fund Grant.

Made, entered, and effective DEC 23 2014.


Susan K. Ackerman
 Chair


John Savage
 Commissioner


Stephen M. Bloom
 Commissioner

