

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1586

In the Matter of)	
)	REQUEST FOR A
PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER)	MSP ISSUE FUND GRANT &
)	PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE
Multi-State Process Intervenor Funding)	OREGON CITIZENS' UTILITY
Agreement.)	BOARD
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The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (“CUB”) hereby requests a grant of \$25,000 from the Multi-State Process (“MSP”) Fund. The Commission adopted the MSP Intervenor Funding Agreement (“MSP IFA”) on February 7, 2017 in Order No. 17-028 to provide funding for “MSP Activities.” *See* MSP IFA, Article 1(g). CUB is a “Participating Intervenor” under Article 1(a) of the MSP IFA.

Pursuant to Article 5.1 of the MSP IFA, the proposed budget must identify certain points of information. We provide the information below.

(a) Statement of the breadth and complexity of the MSP Activities: CUB’s MSP

Activities include attendance at MSP Workgroup meetings, teleconferences, and the annual Commissioner Forum, in addition to associated communications with MSP participants, review of materials distributed by PacifiCorp or other MSP stakeholders, and any follow-up activity. MSP Activities to date have primarily focused upon structural separation and Company-developed alternatives to future system-wide cost allocation methods.

(b) Significance of any policy issues directly attributable to MSP Activities: The division of costs across the system has significant financial and policy impacts. Retaining the benefits of regional hydro resources within the Northwest is important because the region also bears the costs associated with hydro resources. In addition, DSM investment in Oregon is greater than other states, thus reducing the need for new resources. However, because new generating resources are allocated to the system and DSM is allocated to the state, Oregon is picking up a greater share of load growth of other states than those states are of Oregon's load growth. Finally, the treatment of Oregon's RPS and the accounting of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) could have significant financial impacts between different PacifiCorp states.

(c) MSP Activities schedule: MSP Activities include attendance at MSP Workgroup meetings, teleconferences, and the annual Commissioner Forum, in addition to associated communications with MSP participants, review of materials distributed by PacifiCorp or other MSP stakeholders, and any follow-up activity. MSP Workgroup teleconferences were held on January 12 and February 7, 2017. In addition, the annual Commissioner Forum took place in Salt Lake City, Utah, on January 25, 2017. There were MSP Workgroup meetings on February 22 and March 22, 2017, in Portland and Salt Lake City. Future Broad Review Work Group meetings are scheduled for:

- July 27-28, 2017, Denver
- September 20-21, Boise
- October 17-18, Portland
- November 16-17, Salt Lake City

- December 12-13, Las Vegas

- (d) *Participation of other parties in MSP Activities that adequately represent the interests of customers:* CUB represents the interests of PacifiCorp's Oregon residential customers. No other organization adequately represents the interests of PacifiCorp's residential ratepayers in Oregon. Other customer classes may also benefit from many aspects of our participation.
- (e) *Statement of MSP Activities to be performed by CUB:* CUB staff will keep track of their participation by hours and activity.
- (f) *Description of the areas to be investigated by CUB relating to MSP Activities:* CUB is interested in the extent that Oregon is bearing an oversized burden from load growth in other states, and whether Oregon is receiving the benefits of the hydro assets that historically flow to the Northwest.
- (g) *Budget of MSP Activities:* CUB's budget accompanies this document as Attachment A.
- (h) *A Representation of the use of matching funds:* CUB 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 MSP Activities to be performed for which CUB is seeking an MSP Fund Grant.

Dated this 13th day of July, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



Executive Director
Oregon Citizens' Utility Board

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CUB Internal Expenses	Rate	Hours	Cost
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$ 250.00	32	\$ 8,000.00
Michael Goetz, Staff Attorney	\$ 175.00	100	\$ 17,500.00
Sarah Ryan-Knox, Paralegal	\$ 75.00	10	\$ 750.00
Utility Analyst	\$ 175.00	15	\$ 2,625.00
<i>Other Expenses</i>			
Printing, Supplies, and Materials			\$ 100.00
Travel			\$ 2,275.00
In-House Resources			
20% of Eligible Expenses			\$ (6,250.00)
Total			\$ 25,000.00