

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1586

In the Matter of

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,

Multi-State Process Intervenor Funding

RULING

DISPOSITION: JOINT MOTION TO ROLLOVER 2020 MSP FUND BALANCE GRANTED

On November 17, 2020, AWEC and CUB jointly requested a rollover of the full remaining balance of the 2020 Multi-State Process (MSP) Fund Grants to the 2021 budget. Typically, MSP Fund Grant rollovers are capped at 50 percent of the Annual MSP Grant Amounts. Provided there is substantial evidence, the Commission may approve rollover exceeding 50 percent.

AWEC and CUB requested raising the rollover cap in order to fund the stunted development of a PacifiCorp cost allocation workgroup. This workgroup was created according to a 2020 protocol in Order No. 20-024 in Docket UM 1050 to resolve cost allocation framework issues. The protocol requires that issues be resolved by the end of 2023. AWEC's and CUB's costs associated with this workgroup are MSP Fund approved, but in 2020 funds were not able to be used and progress was limited due to COVID-19. AWEC and CUB claim there will be a greater need for funds in 2021 to ensure sufficient progress.

RULING

I find that there is good cause to approve the request to increase the cap on the rollover funds. Travel restrictions due to COVID-19 significantly limited workgroup meetings. To make necessary progress, CUB and AWEC will likely require more funding in 2021 to meet the 2023 framework issue deadline.

COVID-19 has created significant obstacles to resolve the protocol framework issues. In light of the complexity of the issues being addressed and the significant policy decisions to be made, AWEC and CUB's joint request for increased rollover is reasonable and is approved.

Dated this 2nd day of April 2021, at Salem, Oregon.



Nolan Moser
Chief Administrative Law Judge