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Via Electronic Filing

Public Utility Commission of Oregon Attn: Filing Center 201 High St. SE, Suite 100 Salem OR 97301

> Re: In the Matter of PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER 2019 Integrated Resource Plan Docket No. LC 70

Dear Filing Center:

Please find enclosed the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers' Notice of Intent to Request Issue Fund Grant and Request for Issue Fund Grant and Proposed Budget in the above-referenced docket.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jesse O. Gorsuch Jesse O. Gorsuch

Enclosure

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

LC 70

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In the Matter of	
PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,	
2019 Integrated Resource Plan.	

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST ISSUE FUND GRANT and REQUEST FOR ISSUE FUND GRANT AND PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE ALLIANCE OF WESTERN ENERGY CONSUMERS

The Alliance of Western Energy Consumers ("AWEC") files this Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant in Docket No. LC 70, pursuant to OAR § 860-001-0120 and the Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement ("IFA"), approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission ("Commission") in Order No. 18-020 (January 17, 2018).

1. On June 12, 2018, PacifiCorp notified the Commission of its intent to file its 2019 Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") in April of 2019. The Commission docketed the filing as LC 70. On July 17, 2019, the Company notified the Commission that it was extending its anticipated IRP filing date to no later than October 18, 2019.

LC 70 is an Eligible Proceeding for Issue Funds under the IFA. IFA,
Article 1(c)(iii). Accordingly, an Issue Fund Grant may be made for this proceeding under
Article 6.1 the IFA.

3. Under the IFA, the deadline for submitting proposed budgets in an eligible proceeding will be "30 days after the prehearing conference at which the schedule for the proceeding is established or by such other date as the Commission designates." IFA, Article 6.3.

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As no prehearing conference has yet been held in this proceeding, and as the Commission has not separately identified a deadline for proposed budgets, AWEC's request is consistent with the IFA and prior Commission Orders granting Issue Fund requests under similar circumstances.^{1/}

4. As required by Article 6.2 of the IFA, this Notice of Intent is being served on each affected Participating Public Utility, all precertified organizations, and all parties identified on the service list for LC 70.

5. AWEC identifies the PacifiCorp Issue Fund Account as the account from which AWEC intends to request the Issue Fund Grant.

6. AWEC has been precertified under Articles 5.1 and 5.2 of the IFA and OAR § 860-001-0120(3)(b) as eligible to receive an Issue Fund Grant, by Commission Order No. 03-502, which was entered on August 21, 2003.

7. Pursuant to Article 6.3 of the IFA, AWEC files this Proposed Budget in Docket No. LC 70 (the "Proceeding") for an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$4,880.08.^{2/} If additional PacifiCorp Issue Funds become available, AWEC reserves the right to file an amended proposed budget and request an additional Issue Fund Grant. AWEC proposes that this grant be drawn from the \$4,880.08 in remaining funds in AWEC's approved Issue Fund Grant in Docket No. UE 352. AWEC is concurrently filing a request for reallocation of this amount from Docket No. UE 352 to this proceeding. AWEC respectfully requests that the Commission act on

 <u>See In Re: Portland General Electric Co., Request for a General Rate Revision</u>, Docket No. UE 319, Order No. 17-424 (Oct. 19, 2017); <u>see also</u>, <u>In Re: PacifiCorp</u>, <u>dba Pacific Power</u>, 2017R Request for Proposals, Docket No. UM 1845, Order No. 18-368 (Oct. 3, 2018)

² AWEC's Request for Issue Fund Grant and Proposed Budget assumes that the Commission grants AWEC's concurrently filed Request for Reallocation of Issue Fund Grant from Docket No. UE 352.

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this Proposed Budget within fourteen days of receipt, as provided in Article 6.4 of the IFA. The following information is provided in accordance with Article 6.3 of the IFA:

(1) <u>Statement of the work to be performed by AWEC for which AWEC is seeking the Issue</u> <u>Fund Grant:</u>

AWEC has retained Davison Van Cleve, P.C. to represent it in LC 70. AWEC

will attend all clarifying sessions, workshops, public meetings, oral presentations and hearings in LC 70, and plans to conduct discovery in this proceeding. In addition, AWEC will submit expert witness testimony and briefs as called for by the procedural schedule in this Docket.

(2) Description of the areas to be investigated by AWEC:

AWEC intends to investigate numerous aspects of PacifiCorp's 2019 IRP,

including PacifiCorp's Action Plan, the economic lives of its coal-fired generation facilities, and any other issues identified by other parties or through discovery.

(3) <u>Description of the particular customer class or classes that will benefit from the intervenor's participation:</u>

AWEC's participation will directly benefit large energy consumers, as well as all

other large non-residential customers of PacifiCorp.

(4) <u>Identification of the specific Fund account from which AWEC is seeking the Issue Fund</u> <u>Grant and Available Funds</u>:

AWEC proposes a total budget of \$6,100.10 and is seeking an Issue Fund Grant

in the amount of \$4,880.08. As stated above, AWEC is proposing that this amount be

reallocated from AWEC's approved Issue Fund Grant in UE 352 for use in this proceeding.

(5) <u>Budget showing estimated attorney and consultant fees and expert witness fees:</u>

Attached as Exhibit A is AWEC's proposed budget in LC 70.

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(6) Matching Funds

As required by Article 6.3(g) of the IFA, AWEC represents that it will use matching fund resources in the form of either in-house resources or outside funding to account for or pay at least 20% of the Eligible Expenses for which AWEC is seeking an Issue Fund Grant.

Basis for Request

AWEC respectfully requests that the Commission grant its request for this Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$4,880.08, based on the following considerations:

1. The Company's analysis of its future load and regulatory obligations, along with its proposed plan of action over the next two to four years, may have a direct bearing on the rates paid by AWEC's members. In addition, the case raises important questions of policy and fact.

2. AWEC represents the interests of large energy consumers and has significant experience participating in Commission proceedings involving the Commission and PacifiCorp. In addition, AWEC has participated in numerous previous cases related to setting rates for PacifiCorp. Thus, AWEC possesses significant interest and expertise with respect to this proceeding. AWEC's participation will benefit all PacifiCorp industrial and large non-residential customers.

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3. AWEC has been precertified under Articles 5.1 and 5.2 of the IFA and

OAR § 860-001-0120(3)(b), as eligible to receive an Issue Fund Grant, by Commission Order

No. 03-502, which was entered on August 21, 2003.

Therefore, AWEC respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order

granting an Issue Fund Grant in the amount specified above.

Dated this 25th day of September, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

AWEC Proposed Budget for Issue Fund Grant

Personnel	Hours	Rate	Cost
Attorney Fees			
Senior Attorney	6	\$280	\$1,680
Attorney	5	\$225	\$1,125
Paralegal	5	\$170	\$850
Expert Witness Fess			
Expert	10	\$224	\$2,240
Other Expenses			
Travel			\$100
Printing and Postage			\$105.10
Subtotal			\$6,100.10
20% of AWEC Funded Expenditures			\$1,220.02
Fotal AWEC PACIFICORP Issue Fund Grant Proposed Budget			\$4,880.08
Fotal AWEC Issue Fund Request			\$4,880.08

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