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#### Via Electronic and US Mail

**Public Utility Commission** Attn: Filing Center 550 Capitol St. NE #215 P.O. Box 2148 Salem OR 97308-2148

> Re: In the Matter of OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY STAFF Requesting the

Commission direct PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY to file tariffs establishing automatic adjustment clauses under the terms of SB 408.

**Docket No. UE 178(4)** 

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed please find the original Proposed Budget on behalf of the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities in the above-referenced matter.

Thank you for your assistance, and please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Sarah A. Kohler Sarah A. Kohler

Enclosures

cc: Service List

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing Proposed Budget on behalf of the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities upon the parties, shown below, on the official service list by causing the foregoing document to be deposited, postage-prepaid, in the U.S. Mail, or by service via electronic mail to those parties who waived paper service.

Dated at Portland, Oregon, this 30th day of November, 2010.

## /s/ Sarah A. Kohler Sarah A. Kohler

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#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

#### **OF OREGON**

**UE 178(4)** 

In the Matter of	
OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY STAFF	
Requesting the Commission Direct	) ) \ PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ISSUE
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY,	FUND GRANT OF THE INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS OF NORTHWEST UTILITIES
To File Tariffs Establishing Automatic Adjustment Clauses Under the Terms of SB 408.	) ) )

Pursuant to Section 6.3 of the First Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement ("IFA") approved by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Commission") by Order No. 07-564 (December 19, 2007), the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities ("ICNU") files this Proposed Budget in UE 178(4) for an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$35,738. ICNU proposes that this grant be funded from the 2011 Portland General Electric Company ("PGE") Issue Fund Account. ICNU respectfully requests that the Commission act on this Proposed Budget within fourteen days of receipt, as provided in Section 6.4 of the IFA. The following information is provided in accordance with Section 6.3 of the IFA:

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

ICNU has retained Davison Van Cleve, P.C. to represent ICNU in UE 178(4). These proceedings deal with the review of PGE's 2009 tax report for the automatic adjustment clause pursuant to Senate Bill ("SB") 408. The IFA defines an Eligible Proceeding as "any

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Commission proceeding that directly affects one or more of the Participating Public Utilities."

IFA, Section 1(c). UE 178(4) directly affects PGE, which falls under the definition of

"Participating Public Utility" in Section 1(k) of the IFA. Therefore, UE 178(4) is an Eligible

Proceeding and an Issue Fund Grant may be made for this proceeding under Section 6.1 of the

IFA.

ICNU intends to attend all workshops, settlement conferences, hearings, and any

oral argument in UE 178(4). In addition, ICNU intends to sponsor expert testimony and briefs as

called for by the procedural schedule in this Docket.

(2) <u>Description of the areas to be investigated by ICNU:</u>

ICNU intends to investigate whether PGE's 2009 tax report is appropriate

pursuant to SB 408, in a manner that is consistent with the legislature's intent in enacting

SB 408.

(3) Description of the particular customer class or classes that will benefit from the

intervenor's participation:

ICNU's participation will directly benefit industrial and all other large non-

residential customers who purchase service from PGE in Oregon.

(4) <u>Identification of the specific Fund Account from which ICNU is seeking the Issue Fund</u>

**Grant:** 

ICNU is seeking an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$35,738. ICNU proposes

that the grant amount be allocated from the 2011 PGE Issue Fund Account established under IFA

Section 4.2.3. ICNU anticipates that the 2011 PGE Issue Fund will have approximately

\$144,000, which includes a 2010 rollover of approximately \$19,092.88.

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DAVISON VAN CLEVE, P.C. 333 S.W. Taylor, Suite 400 Portland, OR 97204 (5) Budget showing estimated attorney and consultant fees and expert witness fees:

Attached as Exhibit A is ICNU's proposed budget in UE 178(4). The proposed

budget assumes a fully litigated case. In the event some or all of the issues in the case are

settled, ICNU's actual costs may be lower.

(6) Matching Funds

ICNU represents that it 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

which ICNU is seeking an Issue Fund Grant.

**Basis for Request** 

ICNU respectfully requests that the Commission grant its full request for this

Issue Fund Grant based on the following considerations:

1. UE 178(4) involves analysis of PGE's 2009 tax report filing pursuant to

SB 408. As a result, UE 178(4) has a direct impact on all customers of PGE in Oregon.

2. UE 178(4) could have a significant impact on customer rates. The

Commission should solicit as much input as possible from customers.

3. ICNU has been pre-certified under Section 5.2(b)(2) of the IFA and

OAR § 860-012-0100(3) as eligible to receive an Issue Fund Grant by Order No. 03-502, which

was entered on August 21, 2003.

4. ICNU represents the interests of industrial customers and has significant

experience participating in Commission proceedings involving rates, adjustment mechanisms,

and SB 408. ICNU's participation will benefit all PGE industrial customers.

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DAVISON VAN CLEVE, P.C. 333 S.W. Taylor, Suite 400 Portland, OR 97204 Therefore, ICNU respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order granting an issue fund grant in the amount specified above.

Dated this 30th day of November, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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## UE 178(4) <u>Exhibit A</u>

#### ICNU Proposed Budget for Issue Fund Grant

Category	Personnel	Hours	Rate	Cost
Discovery	Sr. Attorney	5	225.00	1,125.00
Draft data requests, respond to data requests, organize discovery, review	Assoc. Attorney	3	185.00	555.00
discovery responses, discovery disputes, depositions	Paralegal	3	125.00	375.00
Case Preparation Review filings and testimony, legal	Sr. Attorney	10	225.00	2,250.00
research, develop case strategy, prepare	Assoc. Attorney Paralegal	2.5	125.00	312.50
testimony, communications with expert witnesses, prepare issue statements	r maregar	2.0	120.00	312.50
Procedural Matters Draft and review pleadings, hearings regarding procedural issues	Sr. Attorney	2	225.00	450.00
	Assoc. Attorney	4	185.00	740.00
	Paralegal	1.5	125.00	187.50
Settlement	Sr. Attorney	5	225.00	1,125.00
Prepare for and attend settlement meetings, draft settlement documents	Assoc. Attorney	1.5	185.00	277.50
	Paralegal	1	125.00	125.00
Communication Meetings and communications with clients and third parties	Sr. Attorney	2	225.00	450.00
Hearings/Workshops Preparation and attendance at hearings, workshops and other Commission sponsored meetings	Sr. Attorney	15	225.00	3,375.00
	Assoc. Attorney	7.5	185.00	1,387.50
Briefing	Sr. Attorney	10	225.00	2,250.00
Draft briefs, legal research related to briefs	Assoc. Attorney	10	185.00	1,850.00
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	Total Hours	84.5	Sub-Total	17,022.50
Expert Consultant and Witness Fees				
Expert Consultant/Witness 1				25,000.00
Expenses			Sub-Total	25,000.00
Expert/Consultant Expenses				2,500.00
Printing and Reproduction				150.00
•			Sub-Total	2,650.00
		<u>G</u>	rand Total	44,672.50

In-House Resources

20% of Eligible Expenses

8,934.50

ICNU PGE Issue Fund Grant Budget Eligibility: \$ 35,738.00

Total ICNU PGE Issue Fund Grant Proposed Budget: \$\ 35,738.00