#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

#### OF OREGON

#### **UE 264**

In the Matter of	)	
PACIFICORP	)	PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ISSUE FUND GRANT OF THE
2014 Transmission Adjustment Mechanism	)	INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS OF NORTHWEST UTILITIES
·	)	

Pursuant to Section 6.3 of the Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement ("IFA") approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission ("Commission") by Order No. 12-452 (November 7, 2012), the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities ("ICNU") files this Proposed Budget in UE 264 (the "Proceeding") seeking an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$28,601. Unless ICNU makes another request pursuant to the IFA, ICNU will bear its costs in this Proceeding that exceed \$28,601. ICNU proposes that this grant be funded from the PacifiCorp 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</u> Fund Grant:

ICNU has retained Davison Van Cleve, P.C. to represent ICNU in UE 264, which is a proceeding to consider PacifiCorp's 2014 Transmission Adjustment Mechanism ("TAM"). The IFA defines an Eligible Proceeding as "any Commission proceeding that directly affects one or more of the Participating Public Utilities . . . ." IFA, Section 1(c). UE 264 directly affects PacifiCorp, which falls under the definition of "Participating Public Utility" in Section 1(k) of PAGE 1 – PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ISSUE FUND GRANT OF ICNU

the IFA. Therefore, UE 264 is an Eligible Proceeding and an Issue Fund Grant may be made for

this proceeding under Section 6.1 of the IFA.

ICNU will participate in all aspects of UE 264, including attending all clarifying

sessions, workshops, settlement conferences, public meetings, oral presentations, and hearings.

ICNU plans to conduct extensive discovery in this proceeding. In addition, ICNU will submit

expert witness 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 numerous aspects of PacifiCorp's 2014 TAM,

including PacifiCorp's power costs, direct access credits, and other issues raised by PacifiCorp's

filing or by other parties.

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

intervenor's participation:

ICNU's participation will directly benefit industrial customers, as well as other

large non-residential customers who purchase service from PacifiCorp or wish to purchase power

from third parties.

(4) Identification of the specific Fund account from which ICNU is seeking the Issue Fund

**Grant**:

ICNU is seeking an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$28,601. Unless ICNU

makes another request pursuant to the IFA, ICNU will bear the cost of its participation to the

extent that its costs exceed the amount of the Proposed Budget. ICNU proposes that the grant

amount be allocated from the PacifiCorp Issue Fund Account established under IFA Section

4.2.3. ICNU estimates that the uncommitted amount available in the 2013 PacifiCorp Issue Fund

Account is \$103,570. ICNU and CUB have coordinated their activities in UE 263 and UE 264 to

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DAVISON VAN CLEVE, P.C. 333 SW Taylor, Suite 400 Portland, OR 97204 maximize the efficient use of the amounts available in the 2013 PacifiCorp Issue Fund. ICNU

and CUB have agreed to split the remaining issue fund amounts with \$44,969 for CUB and

\$58,601 for ICNU. ICNU plans to use \$28,601 of its remaining uncommitted issue fund

amounts for this proceeding (Docket No. UE 264) and \$30,000 for the PacifiCorp general rate

case proceeding (Docket No. UE 263).

(5) Budget showing estimated attorney and consultant fees and expert witness fees:

Attached as Exhibit A is ICNU's Proposed Budget in UE 264. The Proposed

Budget details the expected hours and hourly rates of ICNU's attorneys and experts. The

Proposed Budget was developed based on the costs ICNU incurred in previous PacifiCorp cases.

(6) Matching Funds:

As required by Section 6.3(g) of the IFA, 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. ICNU's

proposed budget assumes a fully litigated case. If the case is settled prior to hearing, actual

expenses could be lower.

**Basis for Request** 

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

Fund Grant in the amount of \$28,601 based on the following considerations:

In this proceeding, PacifiCorp forecasts a \$1 million rate decrease, which 1.

PacifiCorp states will decrease rates by an average of 0.1%, although large customers over 1

megawatt will experience a 1% overall rate increase.

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2. ICNU represents the interests of industrial customers and has significant experience participating in Commission proceedings involving PacifiCorp's power costs. ICNU filed power cost testimony in all of PacifiCorp's past TAM cases, including Docket No. UE 245, PacifiCorp's most recent TAM proceeding. In addition, ICNU has participated in numerous previous rate cases of PacifiCorp. Thus, ICNU possesses significant interest and expertise with

respect to the subject matter of this proceeding. ICNU's participation will benefit PacifiCorp's

industrial, as well as other PacifiCorp customers.

4. ICNU has been precertified under Sections 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, ICNU respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order granting an Issue Fund Grant in the amount specified above.

Dated this 15th day of May, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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# Exhibit A Proposed Budget of ICNU

Exhibit A

ICNU Proposed Budget for Issue Fund Grant

UE 264

Personnel	Hours	Rate	Cost
Attorney Fees			
Senior Attorney	25	\$250.00	\$6,250
Associate Attorney	120	\$205.00	\$24,600
Paralegal	50	\$125.00	\$6,250
Expert Witness Fees			
Expert 1	182	\$150.00	\$27,300
Expert 2	14	\$205	\$2,870
Other Expenses			
Travel			\$500
Printing and Postage			\$500
Subtotal			\$68,270
20% of Eligible Expenses			\$13,654
ICNU PacifiCorp Issue Fund Grant Eligibility			\$54,616
Total ICNU PacifiCorp	\$28,601		

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

Re: In the Matter of PACIFICORP 2014 Transition Adjustment Mechanism **Docket No. UE 264** 

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed please find the original and one (1) copy of the Proposed Budget for Issue Fund Grant of the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities in the above-referenced docket.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jesse Gorsuch
Jesse Gorsuch

**Enclosures** 

cc: Service List

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing Proposed Budget for Issue Fund Grant of the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities upon all parties in this proceeding by causing the same to be sent via electronic mail to each individual's last-known email address, as listed below.

Dated at Portland, Oregon, this 15th day of May, 2013.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jesse Gorsuch
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