#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

## **OF OREGON**

#### **UE 266**

In the Matter of	)	
	)	PROPOSED BUDGET FOR
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC	)	ISSUE FUND GRANT OF THE
COMPANY	)	INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS OF
	)	NORTHWEST UTILITIES
Net Variable Power Costs (NVPC) and	)	
Annual Power Cost Update (APUC)	)	

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 266 (the "Proceeding") seeking an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$30,400. ICNU will bear all its costs in this Proceeding that exceed \$30,400. ICNU proposes that this grant be funded from the 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</u> Fund Grant:

ICNU retained Davison Van Cleve, P.C. to represent ICNU in UE 262, which is a proceeding to consider PGE's 2013 General Rate Case ("GRC"). On March 11, 2013, ALJ Arlow bifurcated UE 262 into two proceedings, opening UE 266 to examine PGE's Net Variable Power Costs ("NVPC") and its Annual Power Cost Update ("APCU") on an accelerated schedule, and making all parties to UE 262 automatically parties in UE 266.

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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 266

directly affects PGE, which falls under the definition of "Participating Public Utility" in Section

1(k) of the IFA. Therefore, UE 266 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 266, 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 PGE's 2013 NVPC and APCU,

including whether the power costs included in PGE's Monet model are fair, just and reasonable.

(3) <u>Description of the particular customer class or classes that will benefit from the</u>

intervenor's participation:

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

large non-residential customers who purchase service from PGE.

(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 \$30,400. 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 PGE Issue Fund Account established

under IFA Section 4.2.3. ICNU estimates that the amount available in the 2013 PGE Issue Fund

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DAVISON VAN CLEVE, P.C. 1000 SW Broadway, Suite 2460 Portland, OR 97205 Account is \$220,948.33. ICNU and CUB have coordinated their activities in UE 262 and UE

266, to maximize the efficient use of the amounts available in the 2013 PGE Issue Fund.

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

Attached as Exhibit A is ICNU's Proposed Budget in UE 266. 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 PGE power cost

cases.

(6) Matching Funds

As required by Section 6.3(f) 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 \$30,400 based on the following considerations:

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

experience participating in Commission proceedings involving PGE's net power costs. ICNU

filed power cost testimony in UE 250 and UE 228, PGE's most recent AUT cases, and UE 215,

PGE's most recent general rate case. In addition, ICNU has participated in numerous previous

rate cases of PGE. Thus, ICNU possesses significant interest and expertise with respect to the

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subject matter of this proceeding. ICNU's participation will benefit PGE industrial as well as other PGE 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 April, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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# Exhibit A Proposed Budget of ICNU

UE 266

Exhibit A

ICNU Proposed Budget for Issue Fund Grant

Personnel	Hours	Rate	Cost
Attorney Fees			
Senior Attorney	30	\$240.00	\$7,200
Associate Attorney	30	\$195.00	\$5,850
Paralegal	13	\$125.00	\$1,625
Expert Witness Fess			
Witness 1 (Discovery, Travel, Testimony, and Hearing)	125	\$150	\$18,750
Witness 2	15	\$205	\$3,075
Other Expenses			\$1,000
Travel			
Copying and Postage			\$500
		Subtotal	\$38,000
		Less 20% In-House Resources	\$7,600
		Amount of Request	\$30,400

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## Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

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> Re: In the Matter of PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

2013 Request for a General Rate Revision

Docket No. UE 266

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 attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

/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 on behalf of the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities upon the parties, on the service list, by causing the same to be deposited in the U.S. Mail, postage-prepaid, and via electronic mail where paper service has been waived.

Dated at Portland, Oregon, this 15th day of April, 2013

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