BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UE 377

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In the Matter of)	REQUEST FOR AN ISSUE FUND
)	GRANT & PROPOSED BUDGET OF
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC)	THE OREGON CITIZENS' UTILITY
COMPANY,)	BOARD
)	
2021 Annual Power Cost Update Tariff.)	
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The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board ("CUB") hereby requests a grant of \$11,000 from the 2020 Portland General Electric Company ("PGE") Issue Fund. CUB has been tracking its participation in this docket by hours and activity.

CUB is pre-certified per OAR 860-012-0100(3)(a). UE 377 is an eligible proceeding under the Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement ("IFA"), as approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission in Order No. 18-017, entered January 17, 2018. The proceeding directly affects PGE, which is a participating utility under the IFA. *See* IFA at Article 1(n). The IFA defines an eligible proceeding for Issue Funds as, among others, "an annual power cost request (such as PGE's Annual Update Tariff or PacifiCorp's TAM) or a purchase gas adjustment request." IFA at Article 1(c)(iv).

Article 6.2 of the IFA requires an intervenor seeking an Issue Fund Grant to file a Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant. CUB filed its Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant on May 4, 2020.

Article 6.3 of the IFA requires an intervenor seeking an Issue Fund Grant to file a

proposed budget within 30 days of the prehearing conference at which the schedule for a proceeding is established. The prehearing conference was held on May 20, 2020.

Accordingly, CUB respectfully requests a waiver of this provision and apologies for any inconvenience caused by the delay in this filing.

- (a) Statement of Work to be Performed.: CUB intends to participate in every procedural aspect of this case, and has done so to date. CUB participated in the prehearing conference and participated in all workshops and settlement conferences. CUB has reviewed and analyzed the testimony filed in this docket and filed opening testimony. CUB has pursued discovery of PGE through data requests and will respond to data requests asked of us. CUB intends to file briefs and participate in any hearings in this proceeding, if appropriate.
- (b) Description of Areas to be Investigated: CUB is investigating issues including, but not limited to:
 - Investigating whether PGE's forecast of net power costs for the upcoming year is reasonable;
 - Investigating whether PGE's decision to pursue a capacity contract with Douglas
 County PUD was in the best interest of customers;
 - Investigating whether all federal production tax credits eligible for inclusion are included in PGE's power cost forecast; and
 - Investigating all other issues raised by other parties during this proceeding.
- (c) Description of the Class or Classes Benefitting from CUB's Participation: CUB represents the interests of PGE's residential customers, though other customer classes may benefit from many aspects of our participation.

- (d) The Fund from Which CUB Seeks an Issue Fund Grant & Available Funds: CUB is seeking a \$11,000.00 grant from the 2020 PGE Issue Fund.
- (e) The Budget Showing Estimated Fees and Costs: CUB's budget accompanies this document as Attachment A.
- (f) A Representation of the use of matching funds: The budget and an accounting for the use of matching funds accompany this document as Attachment A.

Dated this 7th day of August 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Director

Oregon Citizens' Utility Board

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Attachment A

CUB Budget -- UE 377

CUB Internal Expenses	Rate	Hours	Cost
Staff			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$275	10.00	\$2,750.00
Michael Goetz, Staff Attorney	\$250	18.00	\$4,500.00
Essie Bender, Office Manager	\$100	2.30	\$230.00
Will Gehrke, Economist	\$225	25.00	\$5,625.00
Eddie Kelinski, Legal Intern	\$130	5.00	\$650.00
Other Expenses			
Printing, Supplies, and Materials			
Travel			
SubTotal			\$13,755.00
In-House Resources			
20% of Eligible Expenses			\$2,751
Total			\$11,004