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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,

2022 Transition Adjustment Mechanism.

Docket No. UE 390

Dear Filing Center:

Please find enclosed the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers' 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,

<u>/s/ Jesse O. Gorsuch</u> Jesse O. Gorsuch

Enclosure

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

### **OF OREGON**

#### **UE 390**

In the Matter of	) PROPOSED BUDGET AND REQUEST
	) FOR ISSUE FUND GRANT OF THE
PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,	) ALLIANCE OF WESTERN ENERGY
	) CONSUMERS
2022 Transition Adjustment Mechanism.	
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Pursuant to Article 6.3 of the Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement ("IFA"), approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission ("Commission") in Order No. 18-017 (January 17, 2018), the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers ("AWEC") files this Proposed Budget in Docket No. UE 390 (the "Proceeding") for an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$30,000. 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 respectfully requests that the Commission act on 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 Fund Grant:</u>

AWEC has retained Davison Van Cleve, P.C. to represent it in UE 390. AWEC will attend all clarifying sessions, workshops, public meetings, oral presentations and hearings in UE 390, 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.

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

AWEC intends to investigate numerous aspects of PacifiCorp's 2022 Transition Adjustment Mechanism, including PacifiCorp's power costs, direct access charges, coal supply, and other issues. In addition, AWEC will review any other issues raised by PacifiCorp's filing or by other parties.

## (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 industrial customers, 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 Grant and Available Funds</u>:

AWEC proposes a total budget of \$37,500 and is seeking an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$30,000. AWEC estimates that the amount currently available in the PacifiCorp Issue Fund Account for 2021 is \$79,482.78.

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

Attached as Exhibit A is AWEC's proposed budget in UE 390.

### (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. AWEC's proposed budget assumes a fully litigated case. If the case is settled prior to hearing, actual expenses could be lower.

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**Basis for Request** 

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

Fund Grant in the amount of \$30,000, based on the following considerations:

1. Any change in PacifiCorp's rates could substantially impact the rates

PacifiCorp charges its customers, including AWEC's members, and warrants considerable

scrutiny. 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.

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 23rd day of April, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVISON VAN CLEVE, P.C.

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<u>Exhibit A</u>

<u>AWEC Proposed Budget for Issue Fund Grant</u>

Personnel	Hours	Rate	Cost
Attorney Fees			
Senior Attorney	50	\$300	\$15,000
Attorney	41	\$275	\$11,275
Paralegal	12	\$170	\$2,040
Expert Witness Fess			
Expert	40	\$224	\$8,960
Other Expenses			
Travel			\$150
Printing and Postage			\$75
Subtotal			\$37,500
20% of AWEC-Funded Expenditures			\$7,500
Total AWEC - PACIFICORP Issue Fund Grant Proposed Budget			\$30,000
Total AWEC Issue Fund Request			\$30,000

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