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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 PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, Request for a General Rate Revision. Docket No. UE 416

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed please find the Request for Final Payment of Issue Fund Grant and Confidential Exhibit A on behalf of the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers. Confidential Exhibit A will be transmitted electronically to the Commission and Portland General Electric Company and will be encrypted with 7-zip software.

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

Enclosures cc: Kim Burton Jaki Ferchland

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UE 416

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In the Matter of
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY,
Request for a General Rate Revision.

REQUEST FOR FINAL PAYMENT OF ISSUE FUND GRANT OF THE ALLIANCE OF WESTERN ENERGY CONSUMERS

Pursuant to Section 7.3 of the Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement ("IFA") approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission ("Commission") in Order No. 22-506 (Dec. 29, 2022), the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers ("AWEC") hereby requests final payment of AWEC's Issue Fund Grant in Docket No. UE 416 in the amount of \$75,680.04.

On March 8, 2023, AWEC filed a Proposed Budget and Request for Issue Fund Grant in Docket No. UE 416 in the amount of \$50,000. The Commission approved an Issue Fund Grant for AWEC in the amount of \$50,000 by Order No. 23-085 on March 13, 2023. On September 7, 2023, AWEC filed a Request for Amendment of Proposed Budget, seeking an increase of \$25,680.84 to authorized budget for a new Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$75,680.04. AWEC's request is pending before the Commission.

At this time, and subject to the Commission's approval of AWEC's concurrently filed Request for Amendment of Proposed Budget, AWEC requests that the Commission authorize final payment of AWEC's Issue Fund Grant in Docket No. UE 416 in the amount of

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\$75,680.04 from the 2023 PGE Issue Fund. AWEC's expenses are shown in Confidential

Exhibit A.

This Request for Payment satisfies the requirements of the IFA as follows:

<u>Section 7.3(a)</u> – The itemized expenses, payees, and hourly rates are attached as Confidential Exhibit A.

<u>Section 7.3(b)</u> – AWEC has been an active participant in this Docket. AWEC reviewed the filings in this docket, conducted discovery, participated in settlement discussions, and filed testimony in this Docket. The expenses included in Confidential Exhibit A are reasonable and directly attributable to AWEC's participation in UE 416.

<u>Section 7.3(c)</u> – The Commission approved AWEC's initial proposed budget on March 13, 2023. AWEC's Request for Amendment of Proposed Budget, filed on September 7, 2023, is pending before the Commission. In addition, AWEC used its own funds to pay for at least 20% of the Eligible Expenses as required by Section 6.5 of the IFA.

<u>Section 7.3(d)</u> - This Request for Payment constitutes a Final Request for Payment in this Docket.

<u>Section 7.4</u> – All of the expenses included in Exhibit A are Eligible Expenses as defined in Section 7.4 of the IFA because they relate to services provided or expenses incurred by AWEC's outside legal counsel and expert witnesses. Relevant non-privileged documents substantiating the Eligible Expenses in Confidential Exhibit A are available for Commission audit, if requested, pursuant to Section 7.10 of the IFA.

The IFA provides that the granting of an Issue Fund Grant "shall constitute a

binding obligation on the Commission to order reimbursement of Eligible Expenses." IFA § 6.5.

Likewise, the intervenor funding rules adopted by the Commission provide that "[t]he terms of

an [intervenor funding] agreement are binding on all organizations seeking a grant under that

agreement and will be followed by the Commission in administering the agreement."

OAR § 860-001-0120(2). AWEC has satisfied the terms of the IFA and respectfully requests

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DAVISON VAN CLEVE, P.C. 107 SE Washington St., Suite 430 Portland, OR 97214 Telephone (503) 241-7242 that the Commission approve final payment of AWEC's Issue Fund Grant in the amount of

\$75,680.04 in the manner described above within 30 days of receiving this Request for Final

Payment, as provided in Article 7.6 of the IFA.

Checks should be made payable to:

Alliance of Western Energy Consumers

Payment should be sent to:

Alliance of Western Energy Consumers c/o Tyler C. Pepple Davison Van Cleve, P.C. 107 SE Washington St., Suite 430 Portland, OR 97214

Dated this 7th day of September, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVISON VAN CLEVE, P.C.

<u>/s/ Tyler C. Pepple</u> Tyler C. Pepple

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