

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**OF OREGON**

**UE 416**

In the matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC  
COMPANY,

Request for a General Rate Revision and  
2024 Annual Power Cost Update.

COMMUNITY ENERGY PROJECT  
REQUEST FOR A CASE FUND GRANT  
& PROPOSED BUDGET

In compliance with OAR 860-001-0800 through OAR 860-001-0900 and the Justice Funding Agreement adopted by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (Commission) in UM 2211 by Order 23-033 (February 7, 2023), and Order No. 23-273 which found Community Energy Project (CEP) eligible for a Case fund grant in this proceeding, CEP files this Request for Justice Funding Case Fund Grant and Proposed Budget.

Pursuant to OAR 860-001-000 and for good cause set out below, CEP seeks a waiver of the applicable rules and Environmental Justice Communities Funding Agreement provisions requiring submission of a budget within 30 days of the certification order. CEP did not file a budget in the docket following this order because at that time, CEP experienced shifting levels of capacity due to staff turnover resulting in less staff time devoted to UE 416 and other dockets funded by CEP's pre-certification grant for a number of months. This was CEP's first individual intervention into a rate case and CEP anticipated that due to staff restrictions resulting in less application to other dockets, the pre-certified funds would be sufficient to cover the under

anticipated budget for the UE 416 case. The scope of work that occurred and the timeline of the process of the docket was larger and longer than CEP had initially anticipated when intervening in UE 416. And as CEP is now fully staffed, it intends to continue to fully engage in the other dockets funded by the pre-certification grant. As such CEP requests this case fund grant to support the unexpected costs in the docket UE 416 . CEP asks for \$15,000 from Portland General Electric's 2023 Justice Fund Case Funds.

This Request for Case Fund and Budget is served on PGE through direct email, all Pre-Certified Organizations, and all Parties to UE 416. As stated in CEP's Notice of Intent to Request Justice Funding Case Fund Grant filed in these proceedings, CEP designates Portland General Electric's 2023 Justice Fund Case Funds for this grant.

### **Community Energy Project's Proposed budget**

#### **A. Statement of Work**

CEP has participated in many aspects of this proceeding, including meetings, hearings, and settlement conferences. CEP has reviewed and analyzed PGE's tariff filings, testimony, and comments; conducted research when needed; filed testimony; and participated in numerous settlement conferences. CEP has been represented by an attorney, Tonia Moro, along with CEP staff. CEP has investigated issues directly related to environmental justice communities, including but not limited to disproportionate impacts on customer bills. We believe our participation has benefitted low-income and frontline communities, and has supported other EJ advocates getting more involved in PUC regulatory spaces like rate cases. HB 2475 sets forth policy and legislative intent to foster participation in PUC proceedings by environmental justice organizations like CEP. We believe our involvement has added to conversations happening in these spaces, and will also help other organizations understand the intricacies of rate cases and

how to get involved in them in the future. CEP intends to continue to monitor the proceedings but may not actively participate in the remaining proceedings.

**B. Estimated and Incurred Eligible Expenses**

<b>Counsel time subsequent to August Pre-Certification Grant Report Tonia Moro, Attorney at Law</b>	<b>Rate<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$200	75	\$15,000

Dated this October 30, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

*Charity Fain*  
/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Charity Fain  
Executive Director  
Community Energy Project

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<sup>1</sup> This discounted rate was provided due to the unknown complexities of the case. The total hours at the reduced rate exceeded the estimated hours at the higher rate by approximately 40 hours. The pre-certified funding earmark for attorney fees was not exhausted as of August's report but this request seeks reimbursement for all time since the August report. Said another way, CEP is not asking for an additional \$15,000 in addition to the pre-certified grant amount, but only approximately \$8,000.

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