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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,

2024 Transition Adjustment Mechanism

Docket No. UE 420

Dear Filing Center:

Please find enclosed the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers' Request for Amendment of Proposed Budget in the above-referenced docket.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jesse O. Gorsuch
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Enclosure

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

### **OF OREGON**

#### **UE 420**

In the Matter of	) REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT OF
	) PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE
PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC POWER,	) ALLIANCE OF WESTERN ENERGY
	) CONSUMERS
2024 Transition Adjustment Mechanism.	)
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Pursuant to Article 6.7 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") files this Request for Amendment of Proposed Budget in Docket No. UE 420 (the "Proceeding"), seeking a *decrease* of \$3,655 to its approved Issue Fund Grant in this Proceeding, for a new grant in the amount of \$38,845.

On April 17, 2023, AWEC filed a Request for Issue Fund Grant and Proposed Budget in Docket No. 420 in the amount of \$42,500. On April 21, 2023, the Commission approved an Issue Fund Grant for AWEC in the amount of \$42,500 by Order No. 23-151.

AWEC is now requesting an amendment to its authorized budget, showing eligible expenses of \$48,556.25 and seeking an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$38,845 from the 2023 PacifiCorp Issue Fund.

Article 6.7 of the IFA states:

Amendment of Proposed Budget: At any time during the proceeding, an intervenor who received Commission approval for an Issue Fund Grant may file to amend its

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budget and request additional funding due to unforeseen changes in the scope or complexity of

issues, position taken by other parties, changes in the schedule of the case, or other good cause.

AWEC's initial proposed budget in this Proceeding was premised on the

understanding that the remaining \$7,311.09 in available 2022 PacifiCorp Issue Funds had been

rolled over to the 2023 PacifiCorp Issue Fund. AWEC now seeks approval to amend its

authorized budget to account for the Commission's Order No. 23-165 issued in Docket No.

UE 399 on May 9, 2023, in which the Commission revised its earlier determination and granted

the Amended Proposed Budget of the Small Business Utility Advocates ("SBUA") but limited

SBUA's authorized budget to the remaining 2022 PacifiCorp Issue Funds, or \$7,311.09.

Accordingly, and for good cause, AWEC seeks to reduce its authorized budget by \$3,655, or

approximately half of \$7,311.09, to account for the currently available funds in the 2023

PacifiCorp Issue Fund.<sup>1</sup>

Therefore, AWEC respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order

granting AWEC's Request for Amendment of its Proposed Budget in this Proceeding.

Dated this 16th day of May, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVISON VAN CLEVE, P.C.

AWEC has conferred with the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board ("CUB") and understands that CUB intends to seek

an amendment to one or more of its Requests for Issue Fund Grants and Proposed Budgets for PacifiCorp proceedings this year by an amount roughly equal to AWEC's requested reduction.

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<u>Exhibit A</u>

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

Personnel	Hours	Rate	Cost
Attorney Fees			
Partner	6	\$325	\$1,950
Senior Attorney	30	\$300	\$9,000
Junior Attorney	35	\$275	\$9,625
Paralegal / Law Clerk	17	\$200	\$3,400
Expert Witness Fess			
Expert	100	\$244	\$24,400
Other Expenses			
Travel			\$100
Printing and Postage			\$81.25
Subtotal			\$48,556.25
20% of AWEC-Funded Expenditures			\$9,711.25
Total AWEC- PACIFICORP Issue Fund Grant Amended Proposed Budget			\$38,845
Total AWEC Issue Fund Request			\$38,845

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