

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON
UM 2024**

In the Matter of)	
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ALLIANCE OF WESTERN ENERGY)	
CONSUMERS)	CUB REQUEST FOR AN ISSUE
)	FUND GRANT & PROPOSED
)	BUDGET
Petition for Investigation into Long-Term)	
Direct Access Programs.)	
_____)	

The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (“CUB”) is seeking a \$12,500.00 grant from the 2020 Portland General Electric (“PGE”) Issue Fund and a \$12,500.00 grant from the 2020 PacifiCorp Issue Fund. CUB has been tracking its participation in this docket by hours and activity.

CUB is pre-certified per OAR 860-001-0120(3)(a). UM 2024 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. This proceeding was declared to be an Eligible Proceeding for Issue Funds on Sep. 18, 2019 in OPUC Order No. 19-306. The proceeding directly affects PGE and PacifiCorp, which are participating public utilities under the IFA. *See* IFA at Article 1(n). The IFA defines an Eligible Proceeding for Issue Funds as, among other things, “v. any other proceeding so designated by the Commission that directly affects one or more of the Participating Utilities and is anticipated to have a substantial impact on utility rates or service, a significant impact on utility customers or the operations of the utility, is likely to result in a significant change in regulatory policy, or raises novel questions of fact or law”.; thus, an Issue Fund Grant may be made for this

proceeding under Article 6.1 of the IFA.

Article 6.2 of the IFA requires an intervenor seeking and Issue Fund Grant to file a Notice of Intent to Request and Issue Fund Grant. CUB filed its Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant concurrent on February 3, 2020, as required by the IFA (Article 6.2).

Article 6.3 of the IFA requires an intervenor seeking and Issue Fund Grant to file a proposed budget within 30 days after the prehearing conference at which the schedule for the proceeding is established. The prehearing conference in this docket will be held on March 7, 2020. In the time prior to this prehearing conference, CUB and other parties have met several times to discuss the proposed scope and timeline for this proceeding.

Pursuant to paragraph 6.3 of the IFA, the proposed budget must identify certain points of information. CUB provides the information below.

(a) Statement of Work to Be Performed: CUB intends to participate in every procedural aspect of this case. CUB will participate in the prehearing conference and will participate in all workshops and settlement meetings. CUB will also attend and participate in the hearing scheduled for this docket. CUB will file comments, testimony, and briefs consistent with the procedural schedule that will be adopted at the forthcoming prehearing conference. .

(b) Description of Areas to Be Investigated: CUB is investigating issues including, but not limited to:

- i. What resource adequacy means in Oregon and the northwest, and how other states are handling resource adequacy charges for customers enrolled in retail choice options.
- ii. The potential benefits and costs (including cost shifts) to all customers from long-term direct access participation.

- iii. What is meant by “unwarranted” cost shifting in ORS 757.607(1), and the Commission’s discretion to interpret this term.
- iv. The cost shifts that occur when load departs a utility.

(c) Description of the Class or Classes Benefiting from CUB’s Participation:

CUB represents the interests of PGE and PacifiCorp’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

respectfully requests that the Commission approve CUB’s request for a \$12,500.00 grant from the 2020 PGE Issue Fund and \$12,500.00 from the 2020 PacifiCorp 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 11th day of February 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Jenks
Executive Director
Oregon Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon

Attachment A

CUB Proposed Budget -- UM 2024

CUB Internal Expenses	Rate	Hours	Cost
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$275	55.00	\$15,125.00
Michael Goetz, General Counsel	\$250	55.00	\$13,750.00
Essie Bender, Office Manager	\$100	4.25	\$425.00
Will Gehrke, Economist	\$225	0.00	\$0.00
Sudeshna Pal, Economist	\$200	0.00	\$0.00
Jack Watson, Legal Intern	\$130	15.00	\$1,950.00
<i>Other Expenses</i>			
Travel			
SubTotal			\$31,250.00
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In-House Resources			
20% of Eligible Expenses			\$6,250
Total			\$25,000