

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

UM 2276

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,

Report on Justice Funding Precertification.

REPORT HB 2475 INTERVENOR
FUNDING PRE-CERTIFICATION FOR
COMMUNITY ENERGY PROJECT

Community Energy Project hereby submits its first report on HB 2475 Intervenor Funding Pre-Certification on **Aug 7, 2023**

Community Energy Project (CEP) is a 501(c)(3) community-based organization that represents Oregon's frontline communities, who are vulnerable to the uncertainty posed by climate change. Our mission is to create a sustainable, equitable, and green future for our clients, who we believe deserve safe, healthy, and efficient homes, regardless of income.

As per article 5, Community Energy Project is an approved Environmental Justice Intervenor as of May 19, 2023.

As listed in our application, CEP has been involved or intends to be involved in the following dockets listed below. General goals and activities have been listed under each docket that CEP has engaged in so far. Capacity has been limited more than usual due turnover and hiring a new Climate Justice Associate. CEP has also just hired a Policy and Advocacy Manager. Activities will increase significantly in mid August, including gathering community listening sessions. CEP plans to spend out the budget as planned.

UM 2211 - Implementation of HB 2475 (ADV 1365, ADV 1390, ADV 1412):

In these proceedings, CEP has and will continue to provide feedback on program eligibility, enrollment, verification, level of relief, outreach, engagement, and timeline to ensure that these programs adequately address the energy burden faced by low-income

and underserved communities. Energy Efficiency is a part of the bill that has not yet been addressed, and CEP plans to raise it in the near future.

Community Energy Project has:

- Participated in all stakeholder meetings held by Portland General Electric and Pacific Power to advise on implementation of the low-income discount programs.
- Has met separately with EJ advocates around low-income discount programs.
- Participated PGE and Pacific Power CBIAG meetings (official meetings funded by stipend) and has spoken with other stakeholders, staff, and utilities in meetings about CBIAG participation.

LC 79 - NWN IRP Intervenor:

This docket is eligible because it aligns with CEP's mission to promote community-based solutions to energy issues and to ensure that low-income and underserved communities are not disproportionately affected by the actions of utility companies.

Community Energy Project has:

- Read NWN IRP documentation
- Met with stakeholders and finalized comments on plan

LC 77 - PAC IRP Intervenor:

This docket is eligible because it is related to energy planning, which is an important aspect of CEP's mission to promote community-based solutions to energy issues.

- CEP has not engaged in the Pac IRP process in this time period.

LC 73 - PGE IRP Intervenor:

This docket is eligible because it is related to energy planning, which is an important aspect of CEP's mission to promote community-based solutions to energy issues.

Community Energy Project has:

- Read PGE IRP documentation

UE 416 - PGE Request For A General Rate Revision:

This docket disproportionately impacts customers with an already high energy burden. CEP has focused on minimizing the impact of a rate increase on lowest-income customers.

Community Energy Project has:

- Hired and worked with an attorney
 - Correspondence with PUC: Filed intention to intervene, confidentiality notices, etc.
 - Reviews of docket, relevant documents, PGE testimony, additional party filings, tariff schedules, etc.
 - Research on similar LID programs in other and utility territories, CEP's documentation
 - Participation in stakeholder meetings, internal meetings, coordination
- Filed formal testimony
- Worked with CUB, conducted outreach to CEP followers and participants through newsletter and social media to encourage PGE customers to share comments
- Participated in relevant portions of meetings with PGE, Staff, and stakeholders
- Conducted research on energy burden and LI programs, read documentation
- Met with other consumer advocate stakeholders (CUB, CAPO) and staff to craft relevant arguments and learn about terms and processes

UM 2225 - HB 2021 Implementation:

Equity must be part of a new clean energy transition. CEP provides an equity and implementation lens for the Clean Energy Plan.

Community Energy Project has:

- Participated in (or reviewed recordings of) PGE Learning Labs
- Participated in the coordinating team for the HB 2021 community cohort meetings

UM 1158 - Energy Trust Equity Metrics:

Opportunities for participation have been minimal during this period.

Community Energy Project has:

- Reviewed equity metrics as part of Energy Trust of Oregon's Conservation Advisory Committee

AR 655 - Rulemaking Regarding Filing, Review, and Update of Clean Energy Plans:

CEP participates in this docket as a member of the Energy Advocates coalition, which is advocating for communities to be meaningfully involved in utility clean energy plans.

Community Energy Project has:

- Participated in Energy Advocates weekly meetings

General PUC Planning

Community Energy Project spends time planning future ways to advocate within the PUC beyond specific dockets already in motion. Examples of arenas and topics include:

- Building Resilience Coalition (SB 868, “Healthy Heating and Cooling for All”) with the goal to install 500,000 new heat pumps, prioritizing LI and other Frontline Households
- Interconnection and small-scale / community owned solar - interconnection creates large, expensive bottlenecks in the development of community-owned solar, as shown in the Oregon Community Solar Program.
- Stakeholder “Utility Policy Reading Group” to learn more about technical issues and discuss PUC engagement strategies

CEP also intends to be involved other dockets that impact the following items:

- Issues that grow out of that in IRP and rate cases
- Decarbonization/electrification
- Energy affordability and low income rate-payers
- Grid equity
- Equity metrics
- Disconnections
- Resilience

The Budget Showing Estimations and Spending

Attachment A and Attachment B submitted herewith set for the estimated fees and costs, Attachment C shows spending through Jul 31, 2023 .

Dated this 7th day of August 2023.

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ATTACHMENT A

COMMUNITY ENERGY PROJECT PROPOSED BUDGET

| Employee | Billable Rate | Hours | Cost |
|---|---------------|-------|------------------|
| Executive Director - Charity Fain | \$210 | 92 | \$19,320 |
| Development & Communications Coordinator - Jenna Jarvis | \$105 | 6 | \$630 |
| Education Director - Sherrie Villmark | \$158 | 112 | \$17,696 |
| Climate Justice Associate - Alma Pinto | \$105 | 406 | \$42,630 |
| Mid Level Advo FTE | \$131 | 132 | \$17,292 |
| Attorney (External Council, PGE GRC) | \$300 | 66 | \$19,800 |
| Subtotal | | | \$117,368 |
| Outreach (Focus Groups 2 at \$2000 Per) | | | \$4,000 |
| Total | | | \$121,368 |

ATTACHMENT B

COMMUNITY ENERGY PROJECT PROPOSED BUDGET BY UTILITY

| By Utility | | | | | |
|------------|----------|------------|---------|-------|----------|
| PGE | | PacifiCorp | | NWN | |
| Hours | Cost | Hours | Cost | Hours | Cost |
| 40 | \$8,400 | 14 | \$2,940 | 38 | \$7,980 |
| 2 | \$210 | 2 | \$210 | 2 | \$210 |
| 62 | \$9,796 | 19 | \$3,002 | 31 | \$4,898 |
| 160 | \$16,800 | 88 | \$9,240 | 158 | \$16,590 |
| 50 | \$6,550 | 35 | \$4,585 | 47 | \$6,157 |
| 66 | \$19,800 | | | | |
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|-----|----------|-----|--------------|-----|----------------|
| 380 | \$61,556 | 158 | \$19,977 | 276 | \$35,835 |
| | 1,333 | | 1,333 | | 1,333 |
| | 62,889 | | 21,310 | | 37,168 |
| | | | Total | | 121,368 |

ATTACHMENT C

COMMUNITY ENERGY INCURRED EXPENSES BY UTILITY

| PGE | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-------|------|------|--------------|--------|---------------------|
| | May | June | July | Total Hours | Rate | Total Cost |
| Education Director | 10.5 | 9.8 | 9.8 | 30.0 | \$ 158 | \$ 4,744.74 |
| Executive Director | 8.5 | 8.3 | 8.2 | 25.0 | \$ 210 | \$ 5,258.40 |
| Climate Justice Associate | 30.9 | 25.2 | | 56.0 | \$ 105 | \$ 5,880.00 |
| Communications | | 1.0 | | 1.0 | \$105 | \$ 105.00 |
| Attorney | 27.7 | 18.4 | 14.3 | 60.4 | \$200 | \$ 12,082.00 |
| Total | | | | 172.5 | | \$ 28,070.14 |
| PAC | | | | | | |
| | May | June | July | Total Hours | Rate | Total Cost |
| Education Director | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 7.5 | \$ 158 | \$ 1,178.68 |
| Executive Director | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 5.5 | \$ 210 | \$ 1,150.80 |
| Climate Justice Associate | 12.2 | 9.0 | | 21.2 | \$ 105 | \$ 2,226.00 |
| Communications | | 1.0 | | 1.0 | \$105 | \$ 105.00 |
| | | | | 34.1 | | \$ 4,660.48 |
| NWN | | | | | | |
| | May | June | July | Total Hours | Rate | Total Cost |
| Education Director | 2.37 | 1.99 | 2.4 | 6.76 | \$ 158 | \$ 1,068.08 |
| Executive Director | 2.29 | 2.06 | 2.14 | 6.49 | \$ 210 | \$ 1,362.90 |
| Climate Justice Associate | 12.85 | 7.15 | | 20 | \$ 105 | \$ 2,100.00 |
| Communications | | | | 0.0 | \$105 | \$ - |
| | | | | 33.3 | | \$ 4,530.98 |
| Total | | | | 239.9 | | \$ 37,261.60 |

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