

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 2276

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,

Approval of Justice Funding
Precertification.

COALITION OF COMMUNITY OF
COLOR’S ADDENDUM TO
REQUEST FOR HB 2475 INTERVENOR
FUNDING
PRE-CERTIFICATION 2024

On November 23, 2023 Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC) submitted a request for HB 2475 pre-certified intervenor funding for 2024. CCC hereby submits this update/addendum to that request with additional information.

CCC requested funding for community engagement sessions with 2 organizations: Urban League of Portland and one other. Since this filing, Self Enhancement, Inc. (SEI) has agreed to co-host a community meeting in 2024 with CCC.

SEI is a member organization of CCC’s and would qualify independently for intervenor funding. Established in 1981 and based in North Portland, SEI provides a host of services and programs for African American living in and around Multnomah County. This includes energy and rental assistance, youth employment services, and academic support and wraparound services for children and their families. SEI utilizes a culturally-specific approach to youth development and is a “one-stop resource for youth and families, primarily African Americans and others living in poverty¹.” CCC will be working with SEI’s Energy Program Manager to host a workshop with community members working with SEI to discuss their needs and priorities around access to clean energy, energy affordability, and climate crises. And similar to the

¹ <https://www.selfenhancement.org/history>.

workshops CCC co-hosted in 2023, we will also share information about resources for participants, including utility discount programs and local cooling and heating programs.

SEI has been participating in several spaces for utility climate justice planning, and this engagement partnership between CCC and SEI using intervenor funding will strengthen our organizations' energy justice advocacy efforts and collaborations. Hearing directly from SEI's community partners helps CCC understand the experiences of its member organizations, and elevate these experiences in its policy advocacy.

Dated this 1st day of December 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



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