

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

In the Matter of

UM 2276

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,**

**ROGUE CLIMATE'S 2023 JUSTICE
FUNDING AMENDED
PRE-CERTIFICATION GRANT
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**

Justice Funding Pre-certification

Pursuant to HB 2475 (ORS 757.072), OAR 860-01-0800, and the Justice Funding Agreement (Agreement) adopted by the Public Utility Commission (Commission) in UM 2211 by Order 23-033 (February 7, 2023), and Memorandum issued October 25, 2023 (requiring a supplemental report), Rogue Climate (RC) submits this report regarding its pre-certification grant funding.

RC has allocated an additional \$ 13,652 of the grant funds from August 1 to November 10 to the work to date, totaling \$ 27,370 and anticipates allocating \$ 5414, of the grant funds to the remaining work to the end of the year (November and December). RC releases \$ 1800 of the grant funds.

In support of its pre-certification grant, RC stated that it would engage in several specific dockets (identified below) and several other general areas of interests related to unspecified dockets, including continued facilitation of the HB 2021 Community Cohort, decarbonization/electrification, wildfire planning, grid equity and equity metrics, disconnections, and resilience. To date, RC has represented, identified and developed advocacy positions benefitting or informed by the Environmental Justice Communities or low-income customers and has substantially contribute to the record on behalf of such interests organizationally or through work and collaboration with Energy Advocates (represented by NVEC, OJTA, CCC, Verde, MCOS and others), incurring eligible expenses in the ways described below.

HB 2021 Implementation & Clean Energy Plans, generally (UM 2255, AR 655, LC 80, LC 82). Since August, RC's Advocacy Director has monitored the relevant dockets and completed specific work related to the Clean Energy Plans, generally, including reviewing the plans and comments and proceedings in LC 80 and LC 82. This work informs the efficacy of the rules adopted and the need for additional policies, rules or amendments to properly implement HB 2021.

The work related to LC 80 (PGE IRP/CEP) has included monitoring the docket, reviewing comments, collaboration and discussion with the Energy Advocates group, and working with the HB 2021 Cohort.

The work related to LC 82 PacifiCorp IRP/CEP has included monitoring the docket, continued review of the CEP/IRP, attending presentations and workshops (including the Series 4th Meeting), collaborating and meeting with the Energy Advocates, continuing to facilitate conversations with the HB 2021 Community Advocate Cohort, contributing to the writing of the Energy Advocate's and the Community Advocates Cohort Round 1 comments.

Since August, counsel for Rogue Climate has also engaged the services of counsel for assistance in LC 82 in review of PacifiCorp's IRP/CEP regarding the more technical issues and to work with the Energy Advocates in discussion of the issues and preparation of comments.

RC anticipates continuing to engage counsel in the LC 82 proceeding, in reviewing the filed round 1 comments (500 pages) and the PacifiCorp Round 1 comments due to be filed November 29, attending the upcoming hearing and otherwise preparing to file and work with the Energy Advocates to file Round 2 comments due in February.

HB 2475 (Energy Affordability Act) Implementation (UM 2211).

RC's Advocacy Director has engaged in the following work related to the implementation of the Energy Affordability Act. She has engaged in –the investigation related to Idaho Power's Income Bill Discount Program and submitted joint comments and she has otherwise kept abreast of energy affordability issues by monitoring the docket and participating in Energy Advocates conversations related to bill discount, CBIAG, net-metering and interconnection and other affordability issues. In addition, justice funding grant administration and administrative time related to internal and external communications regarding the status of the work have been attributed to this category of HB 2475 related work. RC has continued to rely on counsel at a substantially reduced rate to assist with the reporting obligations.

RC will continue outreach to ensure community members are aware of programs and activities that increase or reduce energy burden and will continue taking note of what is working and what is not to be able to inform advocacy opportunities that arise in the future for the implementation of HB 2475. This includes staying apprised of the work of Energy Advocates on utility rate cases to inform future work on energy burden issues.

Conclusion

In summary, Rogue Climate has allocated \$13,652 of its eligible expenses from August through October to the grant and intends to allocate \$5414 of the grant funds to eligible expenses to the end of December and provides notice of the release of \$1800. As required by Agreement Section 6.9, this August 2023 pre-certification grant report is being served by email on PacifiCorp, the applicable participating utility.

Dated November 20, 2023.

/s/ Hannah Sohl
Executive Director
Rogue Climate