## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

## **OF OREGON**

UE 188

In the Matter of	)	
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY	) )	ORDER
Request for a Rate Increase in Oregon	)	ORDER
Annual Revenues of \$13,000,000 for Biglow	)	
Canyon.	)	

## DISPOSITION: PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ISSUE FUND GRANT APPROVED

On April 4, 2007, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) filed a proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant in this proceeding. CUB's proposed budget is in the amount of \$15,075.

The Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA), approved by the Commission in Order No. 03-388, provides that precertified intervenors must submit a proposed issue fund budget to the Commission that contains, at a minimum, the following information:

- 1) A statement of the work to be performed;
- 2) A description of the areas to be investigated;
- 3) A description of the particular customer class(es) that will benefit from the intervenor's participation;
- 4) Identification of the specific fund account(s) from which the intervenor is seeking monies; and
- 5) A budget showing estimated attorney, consultant and expert witness fees, which may include the cost for appropriate support staff and operational support.

Once a proposed budget is received, we decide whether Issue Fund Grants are available for use based on factors identified in the agreement. We have the authority to accept, deny or partially deny the request, and may place reasonable conditions on the grant.

CUB was automatically precertified for Issue Fund Grants under Section 5.2(a) of the IFA and OAR 860-012-0100(3)(a). CUB's proposed budget includes the requisite information and reflects the current schedule adopted in this docket.

In light of the issues being addressed, the complexity of the issues and the significant policy decisions to be made, we believe that CUB's proposed budget is reasonable and should be approved.

## ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the Citizen's Utility Board of Oregon's proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant is granted in part. The budget is approved up to \$15,075.

APR 1 3 2007 Made, entered, and effective John Savage 🖉 ee Bever Chairman Commissioner an **Ray Baum** Commissioner

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-014-0095. A copy of any such request must also be served on each party to the proceeding as provided by OAR 860-013-0070(2). A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480-183.484.