

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**OF OREGON**

UE 178

In the Matter of	)	
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OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY	)	
COMMISSION STAFF	)	
	)	
Requesting the Commission direct	)	ORDER
	)	
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC	)	
COMPANY	)	
	)	
to file tariffs establishing automatic	)	
adjustment clauses under the terms of	)	
SB 408.	)	

**DISPOSITION: PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ISSUE FUND  
GRANT APPROVED**

On December 5, 2007, the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) filed a proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant in this proceeding. ICNU's proposed budget is in the amount of \$26,000. In its request, ICNU requested a \$52,000 grant to be split evenly between the PacifiCorp Issue Fund Account and the Portland General Electric Company (PGE) Issue Fund Account for expenses incurred in its participation in dockets UE 177 and UE 178. ICNU clarified for the Commission and for PGE that its request was for \$26,000 from each of the issue fund accounts and that ICNU will not charge PGE for any expenses incurred from ICNU's participation in UE 177. Furthermore, ICNU states that it expects to spend a significantly higher amount in the case than its proposed budget shows, but that it is voluntarily limiting its request.

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 accounts 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 operations 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.

ICNU became precertified on August 21, 2003, in Order No. 03-502. ICNU's proposed budget includes the requisite information and reflects the current schedule adopted in this docket.

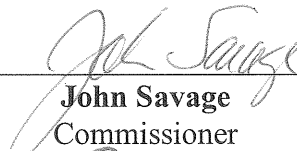
In light of the issues being addressed, the complexity of the issues and the significant policy decisions to be made, we believe that ICNU's proposed budget is reasonable and should be approved.

**ORDER**

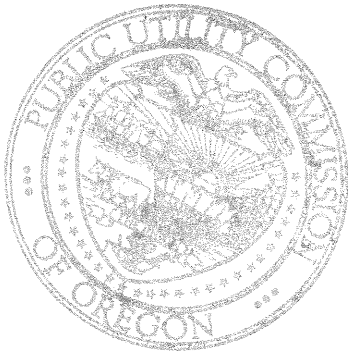
IT IS ORDERED that the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities' proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant is granted. The budget is approved up to \$26,000.

Made, entered, and effective DEC 20 2007.

  
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**Lee Beyer** *OH*  
Chairman

  
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**John Savage**  
Commissioner

  
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**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.