

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of)	
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PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC)	ORDER
COMPANY)	
)	
Request for General Rate Revision.)	

DISPOSITION: ISSUE FUND GRANT REQUEST APPROVED

On March 5, 2008, the Citizens’ Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) filed with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) a request for final payment from the Issue Fund of Portland General Electric Company (PGE) in the amount of \$1,733. Section 7.3 of the Intervenor Funding Agreement (Agreement), adopted by the Commission in Order No. 03-388, governs the procedures for payment of Issue Fund Grants.¹

On May 30, 2006, CUB submitted a proposed budget of \$95,000, assuming a fully litigated case. The Commission approved CUB’s proposed budget in Order No. 06-289. CUB requested partial payments of Issue Funds for this case on November 1, 2006, January 19, 2007, and on August 2, 2007. The Commission approved those requests totaling \$66,696.76 in Order Nos. 06-635, 07-023 and 07-338.

CUB now seeks final payment of its costs in this case in the amount of \$1,733 from the PGE Issue Fund. CUB states that this is its final request for payment of issue funds for this case and that the remainder of the budgeted funds may be released to the PGE Issue Fund. Under Section 7.3 of the Agreement, the Request for Payment must:

- 1) Itemize the expenses, payees and hourly rates of amount to be reimbursed;
- 2) Demonstrate that the expenses are reasonable and are directly attributable to issues and positions pursued on behalf of a particular customer class and consistent with the intervenor's proposed budget; and
- 3) Provide information sufficient to show that the intervenor has complied with any conditions imposed on the Issue Fund Grant.

¹ This request is being processed under the terms of the Agreement that was in effect at the time of the proposed budget approval.

The Agreement provides that the Commission shall make a determination in each proceeding as to how the participating utilities are to recover the funding grants from the various customer classes. Pursuant to Section 7.7(b), Issue Fund Grants should be allocated so as to fairly align the costs of the advocacy with the intended potential beneficiaries of the advocacy.

We find that CUB has met the requirements of the Agreement, and its request should be approved. We have considered the intended beneficiaries, and find that the issue fund expenditures should be allocated to and PGE's residential customers. Section 7.2 of the Agreement provides that the utility shall pay the Issue Fund Grant to the requesting intervenor within 30 days after receipt of Commission directive. The balance of the approved budget should be made available to the PGE Issue Funds.

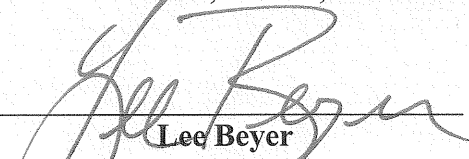
ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

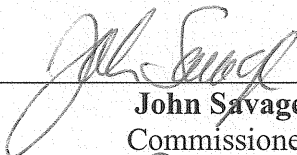
1. The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon has met the requirements of the Intervenor Funding Agreement, and its request is approved.
2. Portland General Electric Company shall pay \$1,733 from the Portland General Electric Company Issue Fund to the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon within 30 days after receipt of this Order, and the grant shall be assessed to Portland General Electric Company's residential customers.

Made, entered, and effective


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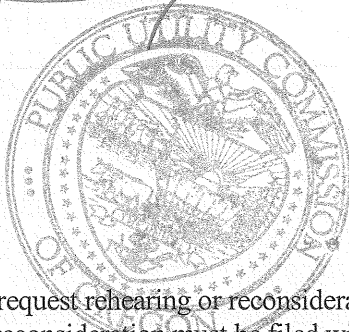
Lee Beyer
Chairman



John Savage
Commissioner



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.