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# **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

## **OF OREGON**

## UM 1357 (6)

In the Matter of	)	
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INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS OF	)	ORDER
NORTHWEST UTILITIES	)	
	)	
Request for Intervenor Funding.	)	

### DISPOSITION: MATCHING GRANT REQUEST APPROVED

On September 8, 2008, the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) filed a Request for Payment of Preauthorized Matching Grant with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission). Section 7.2 of the Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA), which the Commission adopted in Order No. 03-388 and extended as restated and amended in Order No. 07-564, provides that the Commission will grant such a request if the intervenor satisfies the requirements under the terms of the Agreement.

ICNU asks for \$50,602.50 from the Portland General Electric Company (PGE) Preauthorized Matching Fund Account. Funds from PGE's Preauthorized Matching Fund Account are available for use exclusively by ICNU. Section 7.2 of the IFA, governs the procedures for payment of Matching Grants. To be eligible to receive intervenor funding under the IFA, an intervenor must become either precertified under section 5.2 of the IFA or case certified under section 5.3 of the IFA. ICNU was precertified to receive intervenor funding grants in Order No. 03-502.

Under the terms of the Section 7.2 of the IFA, ICNU must establish that it has "used in-house resources or outside funding for at least 50% of the Eligible Expenses for an Eligible Proceeding." ICNU provided such documentation in its request.

Section 7.7 of the IFA 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), the "Preauthorized Matching Grants shall be allocated and charged to industrial customers."

We find that ICNU has met the requirements of the IFA, and its request should be approved. Section 7.2 of the IFA provides that the utility shall pay the Preauthorized Matching Grant to the requesting intervenor within 30 days after receipt of Commission directive.

#### ORDER

#### IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. The Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities has met the requirements of the Intervenor Funding Agreement, and its request is approved.
- 2. Portland General Electric Company shall pay \$50,602.50 from the Portland General Electric Company Preauthorized Matching Fund to the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities within 30 days after receipt of this Order, and the grant shall be assessed to Portland General Electric Company's industrial customers.

SEP 1 9 2008 Made, entered, and effective John Savage Lee Beyer Chairman Commissioner au 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.