

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1355

In the Matter of)	
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THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF)	ORDER
OREGON)	
)	
Investigation into Forecasting Forced Outage)	
Rates for Electric Generating Units.)	

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

On December 5, 2008, the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) filed a proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant in this proceeding. ICNU's proposed budget shows eligible expenses in the amount of \$28,800; and it seeks an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$23,040, split equally between PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power (Pacific Power) and Portland General Electric Company (PGE).

The First Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA), approved by the Commission in Order No. 07-564, 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 an estimate of the amount of available funds in that account;
- 5) A budget showing estimated attorney, consultant and expert witness fees, which may include the cost for appropriate support staff and operations support; and
- 6) A representation that the intervenor will use matching funds in the form of either in-house resources or outside funding to account for or pay at least 20 percent of the eligible expenses for which the intervenor is seeking an Issue Fund Grant.

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. There are limited funds available in the PGE Issue Fund for the remainder of this year; however, ICNU's request does not exceed the amount available in PGE's Issue Fund for this year. The Commission reviewed its open dockets pertaining to PGE and found none for which proposed budgets were due by this year's end.

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:

1. The Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities' proposed budget for Issue Fund Grants is approved.
2. Issue Fund Grants are approved totaling up to \$23,040, to be split equally between the PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power (Pacific Power) Issue Fund and the Portland General Electric Company Issue Fund.


Made, entered, and effective DEC 16 2008.



Lee Beyer *JH*
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.