

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UE 177 (4)

UE 178 (4)

In the Matters of

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER  
and  
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC  
COMPANY

ORDER

Annual Tax Filings under ORS 757.268.

**DISPOSITION: PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR ISSUE FUND GRANTS  
APPROVED**

On November 30, 2010, the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) filed proposed budgets for Issue Fund Grants in these proceedings. On January 5, 2011, in Order No. 11-002, we denied ICNU's requests because they were inconsistent with the appropriate scope of these dockets.

On January 10 and January 12, 2011, the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) filed revised proposed budgets. For docket UE 177(4), relating to the tax report filed by PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power (Pacific Power), ICNU filed a proposed budget of eligible expenses in the amount of \$42,450, and it seeks an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$33,960 from the Pacific Power Issue Fund. For docket UE 178(4), relating to the tax report filed by Portland General Electric Company (PGE), ICNU filed a proposed budget of eligible expenses in the amount of \$44,672.50 and seeks grant in the amount of \$35,738 from the PGE Issue Fund. We note that these proposed budgets reflect the same amounts ICNU originally proposed in November 2010.

**Requirements**

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.

### **Discussion**

ICNU became precertified on August 21, 2003, in Order No. 03-502. ICNU's proposed budgets include the requisite information and reflect the current schedules adopted in these dockets. ICNU also notes that its proposed budgets are based on expenses that have already been incurred, and that all work performed to date is consistent with the scope of proceeding as clarified in Order No. 11-002.

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 budgets are reasonable and should be approved. We note that after granting the proposed budget for UE 177(4), the remaining balance in the PacifiCorp Issues Fund is less than \$10,000 for the remainder of 2011.


### **ORDER**

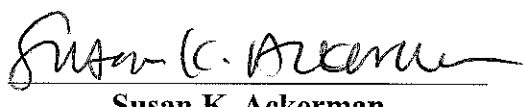
IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities' proposed budgets for Issue Fund Grants are approved.
2. An Issue Fund Grant is approved up to \$33,960 from the PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power Issues Fund.

3. An Issue Fund Grant is approved up to \$35,738 from the Portland General Electric Company Issues Fund.

Made, entered, and effective JAN 19 2011.

  
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**John Savage**  
Commissioner

  
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**Susan K. Ackerman**  
Commissioner

