ORDER NO.

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MAY 25 2011

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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In the Matters of

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER and PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

Annual Tax Filings under ORS 757.268.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: ISSUE FUND GRANT REQUESTS APPROVED

On April 19, 2011, the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) filed with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) Requests for Final Payments from the PacificOrp, dba Pacific Power (Pacific Power) and Portland General Electric Company (PGE) Issue Funds. Section 7.3 of the First Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (Agreement), adopted by the Commission in Order No. 07-564, governs the procedures for payment of Issue Fund Grants. ICNU was precertified to receive Issue Fund Grants on August 21, 2003, in Order No. 03-502.

ICNU asks for a final payment of \$33,960 from the Pacific Power Issue Fund and a final payment of \$35,738 from the PGE Issue Fund. Under 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;
- 3. Provide information sufficient to show that the intervenor has complied with any conditions imposed on the Issue Fund Grant; and
- 4. Specify whether the request for payment is for a progress payment or a final payment and indicate whether any approved budget amount may be released back to the applicable Issue Fund.

Further, under the terms of the Agreement, ICNU must establish that it has "used inhouse resources or outside funding for at least 20 percent of the Eligible Expenses for an Eligible Proceeding." Agreement at 15. ICNU provided the required documentation in its requests.

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. Agreement at 23. We have considered the intended beneficiaries, and find that the issue fund expenditures should be allocated to the industrial customers of Pacific Power and PGE.

We find that ICNU has met the requirements of the Agreement, and its requests should be approved. Section 7.8 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.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. The Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities has met the requirements of the First Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement, and its requests are approved.
- 2. PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power shall pay \$33,960 from the Pacific Power Issue Fund to the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities within 30 days after receipt of this Order, and the grant shall be assessed to Pacific Power's industrial customers.

3. Portland General Electric Company shall pay \$35,738 from the PGE Issue Fund to the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities within 30 days after receipt of this Order, and the grant shall be assessed to PGE's industrial customers.

Made, entered, and effective MAY 25 2011

John Savage Commissioner Susan K. Ackerman
Commissioner

