

ORDER NO. 11 437

ENTERED NOV 09 2011

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1415

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Staff Investigation into Cost Methods for
Use in Developing Electric Rate Spreads.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: ISSUE FUND GRANT REQUEST APPROVED

On November 4, 2011, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) filed with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) a Request for Payment of Issue Fund Grants from Portland General Electric Company (PGE), PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power (Pacific Power), and Idaho Power Company (Idaho Power). The procedures for payment of Issue Fund Grants are governed by Section 7.3 of the First Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (Agreement), adopted by the Commission in Order No. 07-564. CUB is automatically precertified to receive Issue Fund Grants under OAR 860-001-0120(3)(a) and under Section 5.2(a) of the Agreement.

CUB asks for a final payment of \$2,500 from the Pacific Power Issue Fund, \$12,900 from the PGE Issue Fund, and \$10,500 from the Idaho Power 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, CUB must establish that it has "used in-house resources or outside funding for at least 20 percent of the Eligible Expenses for an Eligible Proceeding." Agreement at 15. CUB provided the required documentation in its request.

The Agreement provides that the Commission determine in each proceeding how the participating utilities are to recover the funding grants from the various customer classes. Under Section 7.7(b), Issue Fund Grants should be allocated to align the costs of the advocacy with the intended potential beneficiaries of the advocacy. Agreement at 23. We considered the intended beneficiaries, and find that the issue fund expenditures should be allocated to residential customers of PGE, Pacific Power, and Idaho Power.

We find that CUB's request meets the requirements of the Agreement, and its request should be approved. Section 7.8 of the Agreement provides that the utility must pay the Issue Fund Grant to the requesting intervenor within 30 days after receipt of Commission directive.


ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

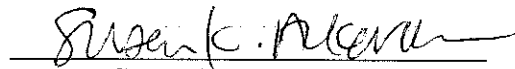
1. The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon's request meets the requirements of the First Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement, and its request is approved.
2. Portland General Electric Company shall pay \$12,900 from the PGE Issue Fund to the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon within 30 days after receipt of this Order, and the grant shall be assessed to PGE's residential customers.
3. PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power shall pay \$2,500 from the Pacific Power Issue Fund to the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon within 30 days after receipt of this Order, and the grant shall be assessed to Pacific Power's residential customers.

4. Idaho Power Company shall pay \$10,500 from the Idaho Power Issue Fund to the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon within 30 days after receipt of this Order, and the grant shall be assessed to Idaho Power residential customers.

Made, entered, and effective NOV 09 2011.



John Savage
Commissioner



Susan K. Ackerman
Commissioner

