

ORDER NO. 12 113

ENTERED MAR 28 2012

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON

UE 222

In the Matter of

IDAHO POWER COMPANY

Annual Power Cost Update.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: ISSUE FUND GRANT REQUEST APPROVED

On March 27, 2012, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) filed a Request for Payment of an Idaho Power Company Issue Fund Grant. 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 waiver of the Agreement's provision that requires final payment requests be made no later than 60 days after the Commission's final order is issued and asks for a final payment of \$2,125 from the Idaho Power Company Issue Fund. Because, CUB's request did not specify, Staff confirmed with CUB that the remaining balance of the approved budget may be released back to the Idaho Power Company 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 Idaho Power Company's residential customers.

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. The balance of the approved budget should be made available to the Idaho Power Company's Issue Fund since no party request clarification or reconsideration of Order No. 11-178 within the appropriate timeframe.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

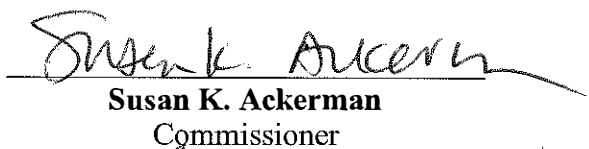
1. The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon's request for waiver of the requirement to make a request for payment no later than 60 days after the Commission's final order is issued is granted.
2. The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon's request for final payment meets the requirements of the First Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement, and its request is approved.

3. Idaho Power Company shall pay \$2,125 from the Idaho Power Company 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 Company's residential customers.

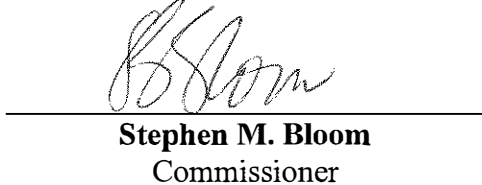
Made, entered, and effective MAR 28 2012



John Savage
Commissioner



Susan K. Ackerman
Commissioner



Stephen M. Bloom
Commissioner

