

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1182

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Investigation Regarding Competitive
Bidding.

ORDER

**DISPOSITION: WAIVER REQUEST GRANTED AND PROPOSED BUDGET
FOR ISSUE FUND GRANTS APPROVED**

On April 24, 2013, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) filed a proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grants in this proceeding. CUB's proposed budget shows eligible expenses in the amount of \$12,500; and it seeks Issue Fund Grants totaling \$10,000, with \$3,334 from the Portland General Electric Company Issue Fund, \$3,333 from the PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power Issue Fund, and \$3,333 from the Idaho Power Company Issue Fund. CUB notes that while it filed its notice of intent to request an issue fund grant in January 2011, CUB inadvertently failed to file its proposed budget within the time required by Section 6.2 of the IFAs. CUB requests a waiver of the timing requirements found in the IFAs.

The Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement and the Idaho Power Intervenor Funding Agreement (the IFAs), approved by the Commission in Order Nos. 10-396 and 12-452, provide 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 IFAs. We have the authority to accept, deny or partially deny the request, and may place reasonable conditions on the grant.

CUB was automatically precertified to receive Issue Fund Grants under Section 5.2(a) of the Second Amended and Restated IFA, Section 5.1 of the Idaho Power IFA, and OAR 860-001-0120(3)(a). CUB's proposed budget includes the requisite information and reflects the current schedule adopted in this docket.


In light of the issues being addressed, the complexity of the issues and the significant policy decisions to be made, we believe that CUB's proposed budget and request for waiver of the timing requirements are reasonable and should be approved.

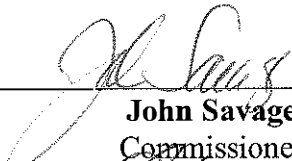
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IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon's request for waiver of timing requirements to file proposed issue fund grant budgets is approved.
- 2. The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon's proposed budget for Issue Fund Grants is approved.
- 3. Issue Fund Grants are approved up to \$3,334 from the Portland General Electric Company Issue Fund, \$3,333 from the PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power Issue Fund, and \$3,333 from the Idaho Power Company Issue Fund.

Made, entered, and effective MAY 02 2013


Susan K. Ackerman
 Chair


John Savage
 Commissioner


Stephen M. Bloom
 Commissioner

