

ORDER NO. 13 289

ENTERED AUG 06 2013

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1562

In the Matter of

IDAHO POWER COMPANY

Deferral of Recognized Tax Benefits
Application.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: ISSUE FUND GRANT REQUEST APPROVED

On July 19, 2013, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) filed a Request for Payment of (applicable utility's) Issue Fund Grant. Section 7.2 of the Intervenor Funding Agreement (Agreement), adopted by the Commission in Order No. 10-396, governs the procedures for payment of Issue Fund Grants. CUB was automatically precertified to receive Issue Fund Grants under Section 5.1 of the Agreement and under OAR 860-001-0120(3)(a).

CUB asks for a final payment of \$7,088 from 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 7. CUB provided the required documentation in its request.

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. Section 7.6(b) of the Agreement provides that 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 13. We have considered the intended beneficiaries, and find that the issue fund expenditures should be allocated to Idaho Power's Oregon residential customers.

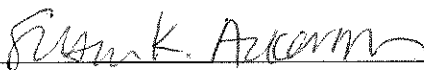
We find that CUB has met the requirements of the Agreement, and its request should be approved. Section 7.7 of the Agreement provides that the utility shall pay the Issue Fund Grant to the requesting intervenor within 30 days after receipt of Commission directive. The balance of the approved budget should be made available to the Idaho Power Issue Fund.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon has met the requirements of the Intervenor Funding Agreement, and its request is approved.
2. Idaho Power Company shall pay \$7,088 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's Oregon residential customers.

Made, entered, and effective AUG 06 2013 .



Susan K. Ackerman
 Chair



John Savage
 Commissioner



Stephen M. Bloom
 Commissioner

