

ORDER NO. 13 313

ENTERED SEP 03 2013

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Investigation Regarding Competitive
Bidding.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: ISSUE FUND GRANT REQUEST APPROVED

On August 23, 2013, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) filed a Request for Payment of Issue Fund Grants from the Issue Funds of Portland General Electric Company, and PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power, and Idaho Power Company. The procedures for payment of Issue Fund Grants are governed by Section 7.3 of the Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (Agreement) adopted by the Commission in Order No. 12-452 and by Section 7.2 of the Idaho Power-CUB Agreement adopted by the Commission in Order No. 10-396. CUB is automatically precertified to receive Issue Fund Grants under OAR 860-001-0120(3)(a), under Section 5.2(a) of the Agreement, and under Section 5.1 of the Idaho Power-CUB Agreement.

CUB asks for a total final payment of \$7,069.20, with PGE, Pacific Power, and Idaho Power each paying \$2,356.40. CUB states that the remaining balance of the approved budget may be released back to each utility's 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 Agreements, 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 19 and Idaho Power-CUB Agreement at 10. CUB provided the required documentation in its request.

The Agreements provide 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) of the Agreement and Section 7.6(b) of the Idaho Power-CUB Agreement, Issue Fund Grants should be allocated to align the costs of the advocacy with the intended potential beneficiaries of the advocacy. We considered the intended beneficiaries, and find that the issue fund expenditures should be allocated to the residential customers of PGE, Pacific Power, and Idaho Power.

We find that CUB's request meets the requirements of the Agreements, and its request should be approved. Section 7.8 of the Agreement and Section 7.7 of the Idaho Power-CUB Agreement provide 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 each utility's Issue Fund, with \$977.60 being released to the PGE Issue Fund, \$976.60 being released to the Pacific Power Issue Fund, and \$976.60 being released to the Idaho Power Issue Fund.

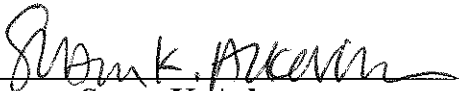
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IT IS ORDERED that:

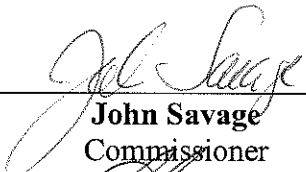
1. The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon's request meets the requirements of the Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement, and its request is approved.
2. Portland General Electric Company shall pay \$2,356.40 from the PGE Issue Fund to the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant shall be assessed to PGE's residential customers.
3. PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power shall pay \$2,356.40 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.

- Idaho Power Company shall pay \$2,356.40 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 residential customers.

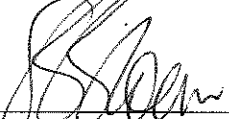
Made, entered, and effective SEP 03 2013.



Susan K. Ackerman
Chair



John Savage
Commissioner



Stephen M. Bloom
Commissioner

