

ORDER NO. 13 319

ENTERED SEP 03 2013

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 262

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
COMPANY

Request for a General Rate Revision.

ORDER

**DISPOSITION: AMENDED PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ISSUE FUND
GRANT APPROVED**

On April 15, 2013, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) filed a proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant in this docket and in Order No. 13-146, we approved the budget showing eligible expenses in the amount of \$100,025 and an issue fund grant in the amount of \$80,020. On August 27, 2013, CUB filed an amended request for an issue fund grant. The proposed budget accompanying the amended proposed budget shows eligible expenses in the amount of \$134,400, and CUB now seeks to amend its Issue Fund Grant from \$80,020 to \$97,859. CUB recently released \$17,839 back to the Portland General Electric Company (PGE) Issue Fund from other dockets.

The Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA), approved by the Commission in Order No. 12-452, provides that an intervenor who received Commission approval for an Issue Fund Grant may file to amend its budget and request additional funding due to unforeseen changes in the scope or complexity of issues, positions taken by other parties, changes in the schedule of the case, or other good cause. Agreement at 15.

Once an amended proposed budget is received, we decide whether Issue Fund Grants are available for use based on factors identified in the IFA. 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 IFA and OAR 860-001-0120(3)(a). CUB's amended 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 amended proposed budget is reasonable and should be approved.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon's amended proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant is approved.
2. An additional \$17,839 is approved for the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon's Issue Fund Grant.

Made, entered, and effective SEP 03 2013.

Susan K. Ackerman

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Chair

John Savage

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Commissioner

Stephen M. Bloom

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