

ORDER NO. 13 455

ENTERED DEC 02 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: ISSUE FUND GRANT REQUEST APPROVED

On October 21, 2013, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) filed a Request for Payment of a Portland General Electric Company (PGE) Issue Fund Grant. On November 1, 2013, CUB filed an amended request. 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. 12-452¹. 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 final payment of \$31,055.12 from the PGE Issue Fund and requests that the remaining balance of the approved budget be reallocated to its Issue Fund Budget for LC 56, PGE's current Integrated Resource Plan docket. 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

¹ Order No. 12-452 was subsequently supplemented by Order No. 13-317 to include Exhibits A, B, and C.

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 19. Section 6.7 of the Agreement provides that an intervenor with approved budgets in multiple dockets may request to reallocate approved amounts between dockets by filing a request in both dockets. The request for reallocation must identify the previously approved budget amounts, identify the proposed budget amounts after reallocation, and explain the purpose for the reallocation. 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 21. We considered the intended beneficiaries, and find that the issue fund expenditures should be allocated to PGE'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 reallocated to CUB's Issue Fund Grant budget in docket LC 56.

ORDER

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.

- Portland General Electric Company pay \$31,055.12 from the PGE Issue Fund to the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant be assessed to PGE's residential customers. The balance of CUB's approved UE 262 budget is reallocated to CUB's approved LC 56 budget.

Made, entered, and effective DEC 02 2013

Susan K. Ackerman

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Chair

John Savage

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Commissioner

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