

ORDER NO. 14 255

ENTERED JUL 09 2014

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
COMPANY

Request for a General Rate Revision.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: AMENDED ISSUE FUND GRANT APPROVED

On April 18, 2014, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) filed a proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant in this docket and in Order No. 14-138, we approved the budget showing eligible expenses in the amount of \$100,950 and an issue fund grant in the amount of \$45,000. On July 8, 2014, CUB filed a request to amend its request for an issue fund grant. While the proposed budget remains the same, CUB now seeks to amend its Issue Fund Grant from \$45,000 to \$50,313.74. CUB notes that in its initial issue fund grant request, it limited its request due to the outstanding budget requests in the Portland General Electric Company Issue Fund. CUB further notes that there are now uncommitted funds in the Issue Fund in the amount of \$9,313.74.

The Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA), approved by the Commission in Order No. 12-452¹, provides 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

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

- 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 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 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 issue fund grant request is reasonable and should be approved.


ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon's Amended Issue Fund Grant is approved up to \$50,313,74.

Made, entered, and effective JUL 09 2014


 Susan K. Ackerman
 Chair


 John Savage
 Commissioner


 Stephen M. Bloom
 Commissioner

