

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 283

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
COMPANY

ORDER

Request for a General Rate Revision.

DISPOSITION: SECOND 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 (from \$45,000 to \$50,313.74) without any change to its proposed budget, and we approved that request in Order No. 14-255. On September 26, CUB filed a Second Amended Request to increase its issue fund grant to \$67,461.90, utilizing funds that became available in its release of issue fund grants in dockets UE 286 and UM 1679¹. CUB notes that in its initial and amended issue fund grant requests, it limited its request due to the outstanding budget requests in the Portland General Electric Company Issue Fund.

The Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA), approved by the Commission in Order No. 12-452², 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 CUB filed requests for payments of issue fund grants in these dockets on September 19, 2014.

² 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 2nd amended issue fund grant request is reasonable and should be approved.

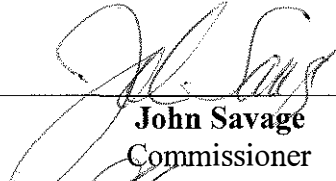
ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon's Amended Issue Fund Grant is approved up to \$67,461.90.


Made, entered, and effective SEP 26 2014.

COMMISSIONER ACKERMAN WAS
UNAVAILABLE FOR SIGNATURE

Susan K. Ackerman
Chair



John Savage
Commissioner



Stephen M. Bloom
Commissioner

