

ORDER NO.

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,

2015 Transition Adjustment Mechanism.

ORDER

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

On May 16, 2014, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) filed a proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant in this docket and in Order No. 14-171, we approved the budget showing eligible expenses in the amount of \$7,050 and an issue fund grant in the amount of \$5,640. On November 7, 2014, CUB filed a request to amend its budget and grant. CUB now seeks to amend its eligible expenses from \$7,050 to \$13,340, with an issue fund grant in the amount of \$11,767. CUB notes that in its initial issue fund grant request, it expected the bulk of issues related to the energy imbalance market would be addressed in docket UM 1689, but that analysis took place largely in this docket.

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
- 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.

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

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 request to amend its proposed budget and issue fund grant up to \$11,767 is approved.

Made, entered, and effective NOV 20 2014.

Susan K. Ackerman

Susan K. Ackerman
Chair

John Savage

John Savage
Commissioner

COMMISSIONER BLOOM WAS
UNAVAILABLE FOR SIGNATURE

Stephen M. Bloom
Commissioner

