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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Voluntary Renewable Energy Tariffs for
Non-Residential Customers.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: ISSUE FUND GRANT REQUESTS APPROVED

On November 7, 2014, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon filed a Request for Payment of Issue Fund Grants from PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power, and Portland General Electric Company. The procedures for payment of Issue Fund Grants are governed by Section 7.3 of the Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement, adopted in our Order No. 12-452¹ (Agreement). CUB is automatically precertified to receive Issue Fund Grants under OAR 860-001-0120(3)(a) and under Article 5 of the Agreement. CUB asks for a progress payment as follows of \$3,224.50 from PacifiCorp and of \$3,224.50 from PGE.

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
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.

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

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. CUB provided the required documentation in its request.

The Agreement provides that we determine in each proceeding how the participating utilities are to recover the funding grants from the various customer classes. Under Article 7 of the Agreement, Issue Fund Grants should be allocated to align the costs of the advocacy with the intended potential beneficiaries of the advocacy. We considered the intended beneficiaries, and find that the issue fund expenditures should be allocated to residential customers of PacifiCorp and PGE.


We find that CUB's request meets the requirements of the Agreement, and its request should be approved. Article 7 of the Agreement provides that the utilities must pay the Issue Fund Grants to the requesting intervenor within 30 days after receipt of our directive.

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.
2. Within 30 days after receipt of this order, PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power pay \$3,224.50 to the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon and the grant be assessed to PacifiCorp's residential customers.
3. Within 30 days after receipt of this order, Portland General Electric Company pay \$3,224.50 to the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon, and the grant be assessed to Portland General Electric Company's residential customers.

Made, entered, and effective NOV 20 2014.



Susan K. Ackerman
 Chair



John Savage
 Commissioner

COMMISSIONER BLOOM WAS
UNAVAILABLE FOR SIGNATURE

Stephen M. Bloom
 Commissioner

