

ORDER NO. 16 281

ENTERED JUL 29 2016

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1719

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,

Investigation to Explore Issues Related to a
Renewable Generator's Contribution to
Capacity.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: ISSUE FUND GRANT REQUEST APPROVED

On July 26, 2016, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon filed a Request for Payment of its Issue Fund Grant from Portland General Electric Company (PGE); PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power; and Idaho Power Company. The procedures for payment of Issue Fund Grants are governed by Section 7.3 of the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (Agreement), adopted by the Commission in Order No. 15-335 and by Section 7.2 of the Idaho Power Company and Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon Intervenor Funding Agreement (IPC Agreement), adopted by the Commission in Order No. 10-396 (collectively, Agreements). 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 and Section 5.1 of the IPC Agreement.

CUB asks for a final payment of \$9,716 from the three utilities' Issue Funds and states that the remaining balance of the approved budget may be released back to the utilities' Issue Funds. The payments and releases requested are to split as follows:

	Payment	Released
PGE	\$3,886	\$114
PacifiCorp	\$3,886	\$114
Idaho Power	\$1,944	\$56

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.

Further, under the terms of the Agreements, 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 Agreements provide 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) of the Agreement and Section 7.6(b) of the IPC Agreement, Issue Fund Grants should be allocated to align the costs of the advocacy with the intended potential beneficiaries of the advocacy. The Commission considered the intended beneficiaries, and finds that the issue fund expenditures should be allocated to the residential customers of PGE, PacifiCorp, and Idaho Power.

The Commission finds that CUB's request meets the requirements of the Agreements, and its request should be approved. Section 7.8 of the Agreement and Section 7.7 of the IPC Agreement provide 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 made available to the utilities' Issue Funds as shown above.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon's request meets the requirements of the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement, and its request is approved.
2. Portland General Electric Company pay \$3,886 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.

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3. PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power pay \$3,886 from the PacifiCorp Issue Fund to the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant be assessed to PacifiCorp's residential customers.
4. Idaho Power Company pay \$1,944 from the Idaho Power Issue Fund to the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant be assessed to Idaho Power's residential customers.

Made, entered, and effective JUL 29 2016.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Grant", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael Grant
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Administrative Hearings Division