

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 308

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
COMPANY,2017 Annual Power Cost Update Tariff.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: AMENDED PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ISSUE FUND
GRANT APPROVED

On May 24, 2016, the Commission approved the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities' (ICNU) proposed budget in the amount of \$30,224 from the 2016 Portland General Electric Company (PGE) Issue Fund. On August 15, 2016, ICNU filed an amended proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant in this proceeding. ICNU's amended proposed budget shows eligible expense in the amount of \$47,576.29; and it seeks an amended Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$38,061.03, an increase of \$7,837.03.¹ In support of its request, ICNU states that there is good cause to support approving the amended budget because the remaining contested issues in this proceeding will require additional time and resources that were not foreseen when ICNU submitted its initial proposed budget.

The Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA), approved by the Commission in Order No. 15-335, 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 ICNU proposes that this increase be funded by funds it requested be reallocated from the remainder of budgets approved in UM 1623 and UM 1755.

- 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, the Commission decides whether Issue Fund Grants are available for use based on factors identified in the IFA. The Commission has the authority to accept, deny or partially deny the request, and may place reasonable conditions on the grant.

ICNU was precertified to receive Issue Fund Grants on August 21, 2003, in Order No. 03-502. ICNU's initial and amended proposed budgets include the requisite information and reflect 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, the Commission believes that ICNU's amended proposed budget is reasonable and should be approved.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities' amended proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant is approved.
2. An Issue Fund Grant is approved up to \$38,061.03.

Made, entered, and effective AUG 18 2016.





Michael Grant
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Administrative Hearings Division