

ORDER NO. 17 013

ENTERED JAN 19 2017

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 1790

In the Matter of the

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,

2017 - 2021 Renewable Portfolio Standard  
Implementation Plan.

ORDER

**DISPOSITION: ISSUE FUND GRANT REQUEST APPROVED**

On January 13, 2017, the Small Business Utility Advocates (SBUA) filed a Request for Payment of its PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power Issue Fund Grant. Section 7.3 of the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (Agreement), adopted by the Commission in Order No. 13-335, governs the procedures for payment of Issue Fund Grants. SBUA was case-certified to receive Issue Fund Grants on November 9, 2016, in Order No. 16-428. SBUA's proposed budget of \$1,765 for an Issue Fund Grant was approved in Order No. 16-462.

SBUA asks for a final payment of \$1,765 from the PacifiCorp Issue Fund. 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 Section 7.3(c) of the Agreement, SBUA 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." SBUA provided the required documentation in its request.

The Agreement provides that the Commission shall make a determination in each proceeding as to how the participating utilities are to recover the funding grants from the various customer classes. Section 7.7(b) of the Agreement provides that Issue Fund Grants should be allocated so as to fairly align the costs of the advocacy with the intended potential beneficiaries of the advocacy. The Commission has considered the intended beneficiaries, and finds that the issue fund expenditures should be allocated to PacifiCorp's small nonresidential customers.

The Commission finds that SBUA has met the requirements of the Agreement, and its request should be approved. Section 7.8 of the Agreement provides that the utility must pay the Issue Fund Grant to the requesting intervenor within 30 days after receipt of the Commission directive.

**ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Small Business Utility Advocates has met the requirements of the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement, and its request is approved.
2. PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power pay \$1,765 from the Pacificorp Issue Fund to the Small Business Utility Advocates within 30 days after receipt of this Order, and the grant be assessed to PacifiCorp's small nonresidential customers.

**JAN 19 2017**

Made, entered, and effective \_\_\_\_\_.



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**Michael Grant**  
Chief Administrative Law Judge  
Administrative Hearings Division