

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1811

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
COMPANY,

Application for Transportation Electrification
Programs.

ORDER

**DISPOSITION: PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ISSUE FUND GRANT
CONDITIONALLY APPROVED**

On March 17, 2017, the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB) filed a proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant in this proceeding. CUB's proposed budget shows eligible expenses in the amount of \$18,750; and it seeks an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$15,000. CUB's request notes that the available balance in the 2017 Portland General Electric Company (PGE) Issue Fund is \$667.85.

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
- 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.

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, the Commission believes that CUB's proposed budget is reasonable and should be approved. However, because of the limited available funds, CUB's issue fund grant is limited at this time to the funds available and may be increased up to \$15,000 if CUB releases other budgeted monies back to the 2017 PGE Issue Fund.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board's proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant is conditionally approved, subject to the release of previously budgeted amounts into the Issue Fund.
2. An Issue Fund Grant is approved for \$667.85 and may be increased to an amount totaling up to \$15,000 if the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board releases budgeted monies back into the 2017 Portland General Electric Company Issue Fund.

Made, entered, and effective MAR 20 2017.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Grant".

Michael Grant
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Administrative Hearings Division