ORDER NO 19-024

ENTERED Jan 23 2019

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

**UE 352** 

In the Matter of

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,

**ORDER** 

2019 Renewable Adjustment Clause.

DISPOSITION: MOTION TO DESIGNATE PROCEEDING AS ELIGIBLE FOR ISSUE FUNDS GRANTED

On January 15, 2019, the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB) filed a motion to designate this proceeding as eligible for an Issue Fund Grant. CUB's motion states that the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (AWEC) authorized CUB to represent that AWEC supports this motion. No party responded to CUB's motion.

The Fourth Amended Intervenor Funding Agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 18-017, defines "Eligible Proceedings for Issue Funds" as a proceeding before the Commission to review:

- 1. A general rate case request,
- 2. The proposed acquisition or merger of one of the Participating Public Utilities,
- 3. An Integrated Resource Plan,
- 4. An annual power cost request (such as PGE's Annual Update Tariff or PacifiCorp's TAM) or a purchase gas adjustment request, or
- 5. Any other proceeding so designated by the Commission that directly affects one or more of the Participating Utilities and is anticipated to have a substantial impact on utility rates or service, a significant impact on utility customers or the operations of the utility, is likely to result in a significant change in regulatory policy, or raises novel questions of law.

PacifiCorp is a participating utility. In its motion, CUB states that in its application, PacifiCorp requests a total \$36.8 million increase, which constitutes a substantial impact

on utility rates. CUB further notes that the PacifiCorp application raises significant and complex policy issues related to ratemaking treatment and recovery of capital assets.

We agree that this proceeding qualifies as an eligible proceeding under the last criterion because this docket may have a substantial impact on utility rates and may result in a change in regulatory policy. Accordingly, CUB's motion should be granted, and this docket should be certified as an eligible proceeding.

## **ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED that this proceeding is designated as eligible for Issue Funds.

Made, entered, and effective Jan 23 2019

Megan W. Decker
Chair

Stephen M. Bloom
Commissioner

Letha Jauney
Commissioner

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order under ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-001-0720. A copy of the request must also be served on each party to the proceedings as provided in OAR 860-001-0180(2). A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480 through 183.484]