

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 2183

In the Matter of

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,

Application for Authority to Implement a  
Decommissioning Cost Recovery  
Adjustment and Coal Removal Mechanism

ORDER

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

On October 21, 2021, the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (AWEC), formerly known as the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities, filed a proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant in this proceeding. AWEC's proposed budget shows eligible expenses of \$37,500, and it seeks an Issue Fund Grant of 30,000, with \$3,798.21 reallocated from AWEC's Issue Fund Grant approved in docket UE 390, and \$26,201.79 from the 2022 PacifiCorp Issue Fund. AWEC anticipates that work in this docket will extend well into 2022, so it proposes that it is appropriate to request use of the 2022 Issue Funds.

The Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA), approved by the Commission in Order No. 18-017, 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 agreement. The Commission has the authority to accept, deny or partially deny the request, and may place reasonable conditions on the grant.

AWEC became precertified as the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities on August 21, 2003, in Order No. 03-502. AWEC'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 AWEC's proposed budget is reasonable and should be approved, as set forth above.

**ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Alliance of Western Energy Consumers' proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant is approved.
2. An Issue Fund Grant is approved up to \$30,000.

Made, entered, and effective Nov 3, 2021.



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**Nolan Moser**  
Chief Administrative Law Judge  
Administrative Hearings Division

