

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1586

In the Matter of

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,

Multi-State Process Intervenor Funding.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: PROPOSED BUDGET FOR AWEC MSP FUND GRANT APPROVED

On April 3, 2023, the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (AWEC), formerly known as the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities, filed a proposed budget for an AWEC MSP Fund Grant. AWEC's proposed budget shows eligible expenses of \$84,375; and it seeks an AWEC MSP Fund Grant of \$67,500.

The Multi-State Process Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA), approved by the Commission in Order No. 20-189, provides that eligible intervenors must submit a proposed MSP fund budget to the Commission that contains, at a minimum, the following information:

- 1) A statement of the breadth and complexity of the MSP Activities;
- 2) The significance of any policy issues directly attributable to MSP Activities;
- 3) The MSP Activities schedule;
- 4) The participation of other parties in MSP Activities that adequately represent the interests of customers;
- 5) A statement of MSP Activities to be performed by the applicant for which the applicant is seeking an MSP Fund Grant;
- 6) A description of the areas to be investigated by the intervenor relating to MSP Activities;
- 7) A budget of MSP Activities showing estimated attorney and consultant fees, which may include the cost for appropriate support staff and operation support; and
- 8) 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 a MSP Fund Grant.

Once a proposed budget is received, the Commission decides whether MSP 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.

Under section 4.3 of the agreement, only AWEC and the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon are eligible to apply for MSP Fund Grants. AWEC's proposed budget includes the requisite information.

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.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities' proposed budget for an AWEC MSP Fund Grant is approved.
2. An Issue Fund Grant is approved up to \$67,500.

Made, entered, and effective Apr 5, 2023.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nolan Moser".

Nolan Moser
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Administrative Hearings Division