ORDER NO. 23-135

ENTERED Apr 18 2023

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 2114, AR 653

In the Matters of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON,

ORDER

Investigation into the Effects of the COVD-19 Pandemic on Utility Customers (UM 2114)

And

Revisions to Division 21 Rules to Strengthen Customer Protections Concerning Disconnections (AR 653).

DISPOSITION: REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF HB 2475 GRANTS APPROVED

On October 24, 2022, Community Action Partnership of Oregon (CAPO) filed a request for final payment of \$7,174.98 as itemized in its request for payment of eligible expenses in docket AR 653 from the PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power; Portland General Electric Company; Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural; Idaho Power Company; Cascade Natural Gas Corporation; and Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities' HB 2475 Grant Funds.

CAPO's budget of \$7,175 for this proceeding was approved in Order No. 22-366 on October 10, 2022. As stated in the agreement approved in Order No. 22-043 in section 3(b):

In order to receive payment of the HB 2475 Grant Funds approved by the Commission and available under this Agreement, Recipient must submit a request for payment ("Request for Payment") to the Commission with a copy sent to the Utility. The request may be made at any time during this Proceeding but no later than 60 days after the Commission's final order issued in this Proceeding. The Request for Payment must:

(1) Itemize the expenses, payees and hourly rates for amounts to be reimbursed, including billing details, and including separately identified amounts for consultant or expert witness fees and travel expenses;

- (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) Specify whether the Request for Payment is for a progress payment or final payment in full.

In filings, CAPO has supplied all information necessary to meet this requirement. No party provided a response to CAPO's request. I approve CAPO's request for payment consistent with Order No. 21-213.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. Community Action Partnership of Oregon has met the requirements of the interim funding agreement approved in Order No. 22-043, and its request for final payment of \$7,174.98 is approved.
- 2. PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power, pay \$2,033.38 from the PacifiCorp 2022 HB 2475 Grant Fund to Community Action Partnership of Oregon within 30 days after receipt of this Order, and the grant be assessed to PacifiCorp's residential customers.
- 3. Portland General Electric Company pay \$2,032.68 from the PGE 2022 HB 2475 Grant Fund to Community Action Partnership of Oregon within 30 days after receipt of this Order, and the grant be assessed to PGE's residential customers.
- 4. Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, pay \$2,032.68 from the NW Natural 2022 HB 2475 Grant Fund to Community Action Partnership of Oregon within 30 days after receipt of this Order, and the grant be assessed to NW Natural's residential customers.
- 5. Avista Corporation, dba Avista Utilities, pay \$358.75 from the Avista Utilities' 2022 HB 2475 Grant Fund to Community Action Partnership of Oregon within 30 days after receipt of this Order, and the grant be assessed to Avista Utilities' residential customers.
- Cascade Natural Gas Corporation pay \$358.75 from the Cascade Natural Gas 2022 HB 2475 Grant Fund to Community Action Partnership of Oregon within 30 days after receipt of this Order, and the grant be assessed to Cascade Natural Gas's residential customers.

7. Idaho Power Company pay \$358.75 from the Idaho Power 2022 HB 2475 Grant Fund to Community Action Partnership of Oregon within 30 days after receipt of this Order, and the grant be assessed to Idaho Power's residential customers.

Made, entered, and effective

Apr 18, 2023



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Nolan Moser Chief Administrative Law Judge

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.