ORDER NO. 23-197

ENTERED Jun 06 2023

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UE 416

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY,

ORDER

Request for a General Rate Revision.

DISPOSITION: CASE CERTIFICATION REQUEST GRANTED AND CASE FUND GRANT REQUEST APPROVED.

On May 9, 2023, the Community Action Partnership of Oregon (CAPO) filed a notice of intent to request Justice Funding consistent with Order No. 23-033 and OAR 860-001-0800 through OAR 860-001-0900.

In 2022, CAPO was found to be eligible for Justice Funding under the previous, interim agreement in Order Nos. 22-369 and 22-366. CAPO notes that this proceeding is an eligible proceeding per OAR 860-001-0830(1) and that this proceeding affects Portland General Electric Company's (PGE) low-income, energy- burdened customers through the proposed rate increased revenue requirement and proposed rate spread. No party objected to CAPO's notice of intent, proposed scope of work, or proposed budget.

CAPO intends to participate in the proceeding through reviewing and analyzing PGE's filings, filing testimony, and participating in hearings and in settlement discussions. CAPO further describes that it will focus engagement efforts on two issues: programs, rates and low-income customer class questions and making contested cases accessible to environmental justice communities.

In its proposed budget, CAPO describes expenses for meeting participation, research and analysis, testimony, and a reserve for consulting.

I agree that CAPO qualifies as an eligible organization under Order No. 23-033 and OAR 860-001-0840. I find that docket UE 416 qualifies as an eligible proceeding because it is a contested case proceeding that is anticipated to have a substantial impact

on CAPO's low-income residential and environmental justice community clients served by PGE.

Accordingly, the motion for case certification should be granted. CAPO provided a proposed budget containing descriptions of eligible expenses, identification of the utility accounts from which CAPO requests funds, and a statement of work.

The Commission has the authority to accept, deny, or partially deny the request, and may place reasonable conditions on the grant, and may delegate this responsibility to the Chief Administrative Law Judge, consistent with Order No. 21-213.

CAPO's proposed budget includes the requisite information and reflects the current schedule adopted in these dockets. Considering the issues being addressed, the complexity of the issues and the significant policy decisions to be made, CAPO's proposed budget is reasonable and should be approved.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. Community Action Partnership of Oregon is certified to receive Case Funds in this docket.
- 2. The Community Action Partnership of Oregon's proposed budget is approved, and
- 3. A Justice Funding Case Fund Grant is approved for the Community Action Partnership of Oregon up to \$11,500 from the 2023 Portland General Electric Company Case Fund for activity in docket UE 416.

Made, entered, and effective Jun 6, 2023



Nolan Moser Chief Administrative Law Judge