

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UE 420

In the Matter of

ORDER

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,

2024 Transition Adjustment Mechanism.

DISPOSITION: AMENDED PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ISSUE FUND GRANT  
APPROVED

In Order No. 23-151, the Commission approved the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (AWEC) proposed budget in the amount of \$42,500 from the 2023 PacifiCorp Issue Fund. On May 16, 2023, AWEC filed an amended proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant in the proceeding. AWEC's amended proposed budget shows eligible expenses in the amount of \$48,556.25; and it seeks an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$38,845 (a decrease). In support of its request, AWEC states that it seeks to amend its proposed budget because the Commission revised its earlier determination in docket UE 399 regarding the proposed budget of the Small Business Utility Advocates (SBUA), leading to a rollover deficit in the Issue Fund account.

The Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA), approved by the Commission in Order No. 22-506, 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 IFA. The Commission has the

authority to accept, deny or partially deny the request, and may place reasonable conditions on the grant.

As noted in Order No. 23-151, AWEC is precertified to receive Issue Fund Grants. AWEC's initial and amended proposed budgets include the requisite information and reflect 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 amended proposed budget is reasonable and should be approved.

**ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Alliance of Western Energy Consumers' amended proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant is approved.
2. An Issue Fund Grant is approved up to \$38,845.

Made, entered, and effective Jun 7, 2023.



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