

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 416

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
COMPANY,

Request for a General Rate Revision.

ORDER

**DISPOSITION: WAIVER OF TIMELINE TO FILE PROPOSED BUDGET
GRANTED; PROPOSED BUDGET FOR CASE FUND GRANT
REQUEST APPROVED**

On October 30, 2023, the Community Energy Project (CEP) filed a request for waiver of the requirement to submit a proposed budget within 30 days of the certification order. CEP was case certified for Justice Funding in Order No. 23-033 and a proposed budget consistent with OAR 860-001-0800 through 860-001-0900.¹ CEP seeks a Case Fund Grant of up to \$15,000.

Article 4.4.2 of the Environmental Justice Communities Funding Agreement (JFA), approved by the Commission in Order No. 23-033, provides that pre-certified organizations are eligible for Case Fund Grants. Article 6.3 of the JFA requires a potential Case Fund grantee to file a notice of intent to explain its and the proceeding's eligibility. Article 6.4 of the JFA requires an organization to file a proposed budget 30 days after the organization and the proceeding have been certified for Justice Fund funding or by such other date as the Commission designates. While not specifically cited in its request, CEP appears to be requesting a waiver of the requirements imposed by OAR 860-001-0860(5) requiring a notice of intent and a filing of a proposed budget within 30 days after certification of the organization. CEP states that it was slow to make such filings due to its staffing levels and overwhelm of participation. Given the complexity of the proceedings and CEP's circumstances, its waiver request should be approved.

¹ Order No. 23-033 provided CEP a pre-certified grant and determined that CEP met the requirements of our rules necessary for eligibility. Accordingly, CEP is also eligible for case funding, having met the same eligibility requirements in its precertification request.

In its proposed budget, CEP states that it is requesting a case fund grant because it did not anticipate the amount of time it would take participate in this rate case proceeding, especially given that it was CEP's first time doing so, and therefore its expenses for meeting participation, research and analysis, and testimony preparation were not covered by its precertification grant.

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. 23-321.

CEP's proposed budget includes the requisite information and reflects the current schedule adopted in these dockets. No party opposed CEP's proposed budget. Considering the issues being addressed, the complexity of the issues and the significant policy decisions to be made, CEP's proposed budget is reasonable and should be approved.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Community Energy Project's request for waiver of rule and Environmental Justice Communities Funding Agreement provisions relating to time to file a proposed budget granted.
2. The Community Energy Project's proposed budget is approved, and
3. A Justice Funding Case Fund Grant is approved for the Community Energy Project up to \$15,000 from the 2023 Portland General Electric Company Case Fund for activity in docket UE 416.

Made, entered, and effective Nov 20, 2023.



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Nolan Moser
Chief Administrative Law Judge