

ORDER NO. 24-072

ENTERED Mar 19 2024

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 426

In the Matter of

IDAHO POWER COMPANY,

Request for a General Rate Revision.

ORDER

**DISPOSITION: CASE CERTIFICATION REQUEST GRANTED; PROPOSED
BUDGET APPROVED**

On February 28, 2024, the Community Energy Project (CEP) filed a notice of intent to request Justice Funding Case Fund Grant consistent with Order No. 23-033 and OAR 860-001-0800 through OAR 860-001-0900.

In 2022, CEP was found to be eligible for Justice Funding under Order No. 23-180, in which the Commission approved CEP's pre-certification in the Justice Funding program. CEP notes that this proceeding is an eligible proceeding per OAR 860-001-0830(1) and that this proceeding affects Idaho Power's low-income, energy-burdened customers through the proposed rate increased revenue requirement and proposed rate spread. No party objected to CEP's notice of intent or proposed scope of work.

CEP states that it intends to continue to develop advocacy positions benefiting low-income communities and environmental justice communities in Idaho Power's service area.

CEP included a proposed budget for consideration upon being deemed eligible for Case Funds. No party objected to CEP's certification request or contested its ability to represent Idaho Power customers.

I agree that CEP qualifies as an eligible organization under Order No. 23-033 and OAR 860-001-0840. I find that docket UE 426 qualifies as an eligible proceeding because it is a contested case proceeding that is anticipated to have a substantial impact on CEP's low-income residential and environmental justice community clients served by Idaho Power.

Accordingly, the motion for case certification should be granted.

In its proposed budget, CEP requests \$50,000 from the Idaho Power Case Fund. CEP states that it plans to participate in meetings, hearings, and settlement conferences; review and analyze Idaho Power's tariff filings, testimony, and comments; conduct research as needed; and file testimony CEP states it will investigate issues directly related to environmental justice communities, including but not limited to disproportionate impacts on customers' bills.

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.

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.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Community Energy Project is certified to receive Case Funds in this docket.
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 \$50,000 from the 2024 Idaho Power Company Case Fund for activity in docket UE 426.

Made, entered, and effective Mar 19, 2024.



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

Nolan Moser
Chief Administrative Law Judge