ENTERED May 14 2024

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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In the Matter of	
IDAHO POWER COMPANY,	ORDER
Request for a General Rate Revision.	

DISPOSITION: UP-FRONT PARTIAL PAYMENT OF CASE FUND GRANT ORDERED

On April 19, 2024, Clean Energy Project (CEP) filed a request for a 50 percent up-front partial payment of its Case Fund Grant in this docket. The procedures for payment of Case Fund Grants are governed by Section 7.2 of the Environmental Justice Communities Funding Agreement (Agreement) adopted by the Commission in Order No. 23-033. The proposed budget was approved in Order No. 24-072.

CEP asks for an upfront pre-completion payment of \$25,000, stating it had intended to make this request with its proposed budget request. CEP further states that it conferred with Idaho Power Company and was advised there is no objection by Idaho Power to this request. Under the Agreement, 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 low-income residential customers or Environmental Justice Communities and consistent with the grantee's Proposed Budget;
- (3) Provide information sufficient to show that the grantee has complied with any condition or requirement of the Case Fund Grant; and
- (4) Specify whether the request for payment is for a progress payment or final payment in full and indicate whether any approved budget amount may be released back to the applicable Case Fund because the grantee does not intend to request payment for the full approved budget amount.

The Commission finds that CEP's request, in conjunction with its proposed budget, meets the requirements of the Agreement, and its request should be approved. Section 7.1 of the Agreement provides that the utility must pay the Case Fund Grant to the requesting intervenor within 30 days after receipt of Commission directive.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. The Community Energy Project's request meets the requirements of the Environmental Justice Communities Funding Agreement, and its request for payment of its Case Fund grant is approved.
- 2. Idaho Power Company pay \$25,000 from the 2024 Idaho Power Company Case Fund to the Community Energy Project within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant be assessed to Idaho Power Company's residential customers.

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Nolan Moser Chief Administrative Law Judge