

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 433

In the Matter of

PACIFICORP dba PACIFIC POWER,

Request for a General Rate Revision.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: AMENDED PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ISSUE FUND GRANT
APPROVED

In Order No. 24-129., the Commission approved the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers' proposed budget in the amount of \$98,175 from the 2024 PacifiCorp Issue Fund and funds reallocated from dockets LC 82 and UM 2183. On September 24, 2024, 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 \$164,335; and it seeks an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$116,127.80, or an increase of \$17,952.80 over its initial proposed budget. In support of its request, AWEC states that there is good cause to support approving the amended budget because the scope, complexity of issues and changes in the schedule have resulted in the need for additional funding that were not anticipated when AWEC submitted its initial proposed budget.

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. 03-502, 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. However, as addressed in Order No. 24-341, due to a typographical error in the spreadsheet tracking funds, the budget approved for docket UE 434 was \$100 in excess of available funds. As a result, the funds available to be reallocated to docket UE 433 were \$17,852.80 rather than \$17,952.80. Accordingly AWEC's amended budget is approved up to \$116,027.80.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The INTERVENOR's amended proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant is approved as revised.
2. An Issue Fund Grant is approved up to \$116,027.80.

Made, entered, and effective Oct 7, 2024.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alison Lackey".

Alison Lackey
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Administrative Hearings Division