

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1586

In the Matter of

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,

Multi-State Process Intervenor Funding.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: MSP FUND GRANT PARTIAL PAYMENT REQUEST APPROVED

On October 23, 2024, the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (AWEC), formerly known as the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) filed a request for a partial payment of its 2024 Multi-State Process (MSP) Fund Grant. Section 6.1 of the Multi-State Process Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (Agreement), adopted by the Commission in Order No. 20-189 governs the procedures for payment of MSP Fund Grants. AWEC, as ICNU, was pre-certified to receive Intervenor Funding Grants on August 21, 2003, in Order No. 03-502.

In its filing, AWEC states that it filed its request for MSP fund grant and proposed budget on April 1, 2024, and is awaiting a Commission order on that request. AWEC's proposed budget was approved in Order No. 24-123, entered May 7, 2024.

AWEC asks for a partial payment of \$20,580.02 from the 2024 PacifiCorp MSP Fund. Under the Agreement, the Request for Payment must:

- 1) Itemize the expenses, payees, and hourly rates of amount to be reimbursed;
- 2) Demonstrate that the expenses are reasonable and are directly attributable to MSP Activities on behalf of a particular customer class; and
- 3) Provide information sufficient to show that the intervenor has complied with any conditions imposed on the MSP Fund Grant.

Further, under the terms of the Agreement, AWEC must establish that it has used in-house resources or outside funding for at least 20 percent of the Eligible Expenses for an Eligible Proceeding. Agreement at 11. AWEC provided the required documentation in its request.

The Agreement provides that the Commission will make a determination as to how the participating utilities are to recover the funding grants from the various customer classes. Section 6.4 of the Agreement provides that MSP Fund Grants paid to AWEC should be allocated and charged to industrial customers. Agreement at 13.

The Commission finds that AWEC has met the requirements of the Agreement, and its request should be approved. Section 6.6 of the Agreement provides that the utility must pay the Issue Fund Grant to the requesting intervenor within 30 days after receipt of the Commission directive.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Alliance of Western Energy Consumers has met the requirements of the Multi-State Process Fourth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement, and its payment request is approved.
2. PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power, pay \$20,580.02 from the 2024 MSP Fund to the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant be assessed to PacifiCorp's industrial customers.

Made, entered, and effective Oct 25, 2024.



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

Alison Lackey
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Administrative Hearings Division