

**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: BUDGET AMENDED; CASE FUND GRANT REQUEST
PAYMENT ORDERED**

On January 14, 2025, Verde filed a proposed amended budget and Community Energy Project (CEP), Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC), and Verde submitted a request for payment of their 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 original proposed budget was approved in Order No. 24-246. That order approved a grant of up to \$28,090 for CEP, \$24,541 for CCC, and \$18,560 for Verde and directed a 50 percent up-front payment. Verde's amended proposed budget shows an additional \$450 in eligible expenses for Verde. Verde requests payment in the amount of \$9,730, CCC request payment in the amount of \$11,352, and CEP requests payment in the amount of \$13,937.

Section 6.7 of the Agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 23-033, provides that a Case Fund Grant recipient may file to amend its budget and request additional funding due to unforeseen changes in the scope or complexity of issues, positions taken by other parties, changes in the schedule of the case, or other good cause.

Once an amended proposed budget is received, the Commission decides whether additional Case Fund Grants are available for use based on factors identified in the Agreement. The Commission has the authority to accept, deny, or partially deny the request, and may place reasonable conditions on the grant.

Verde's amended proposed budget includes the requisite information. In light of the issues being addressed, the complexity of the issues and the significant policy decisions

raised, the Commission believes that the amended proposed budget is reasonable and should be approved.

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, CCC, and Verde's request meets the requirements of the Agreement, and their 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. Verde's proposed amended budget for a Case Fund Grant is approved.
2. Verde's request meets the requirements of the Environmental Justice Communities Funding Agreement, and its request for payment of its Case Fund grant is approved.
3. PacifiCorp pay \$9,730 from the 2024 PacifiCorp Case Fund to Verde within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant be assessed to PacifiCorp's residential customers.
4. 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.

5. PacifiCorp pay \$13,937 from the 2024 PacifiCorp Case Fund to Community Energy Project within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant be assessed to PacifiCorp's residential customers.
6. Coalition of Communities of Color's request meets the requirements of the Environmental Justice Communities Funding Agreement, and its request for payment of its Case Fund grant is approved.
7. PacifiCorp pay \$11,352 from the 2024 PacifiCorp Case Fund to Coalition of Communities of Color within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant be assessed to PacifiCorp's residential customers.

Made, entered, and effective Jan 29, 2025.



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

Alison Lackey
Chief Administrative Law Judge