

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 430

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
COMPANY,

Investigation into New Load Connection
Costs.

ORDER

**DISPOSITION: MOTION TO DESIGNATE PROCEEDING AS ELIGIBLE FOR
ISSUE FUNDS GRANTED**

On February 18, 2025, the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB), filed a motion to designate this proceeding as eligible for an Issue Fund Grant. No party responded to CUB's motion.

The Fifth Amended Intervenor Funding Agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 22-506, defines "Eligible Proceedings for Issue Funds" as a proceeding before the Commission to review:

1. A general rate case request,
2. The proposed acquisition or merger of one of the Participating Public Utilities,
3. An Integrated Resource Plan, Clean Energy Plan, Distribution System Plan, or Transportation Electrification Plan,
4. An annual power cost request (such as PGE's Annual Update Tariff or PacifiCorp's TAM) or a purchase gas adjustment request, or
5. Any other proceeding so designated by the Commission that directly affects one or more of the Participating Utilities and is anticipated to: (1) have a substantial impact on utility rates or service, (2) a significant impact on utility customers or the operations of the utility, (3) result in a significant change in regulatory policy, (4) or raise novel questions of law.

PGE is a participating utility. In its motion, CUB states that this proceeding is anticipated to have a substantial impact on utility rates for all classes of customers. Specifically,

CUB states that this proceeding is expected to produce a tariff that would directly allocate some of the costs associated with new large load onto those customers, rather than to all customers.

We agree that this proceeding qualifies as an eligible proceeding under the last criterion because this docket is anticipated to have a substantial impact on utility rates, recognizing that at our March 4, 2025 regular public meeting we suspended Advice No. 24-38 for investigation and hearing in this docket and directed a new docket be opened to investigate issues including, but not limited to, transmission cost allocation. Accordingly, CUB's motion should be granted, and this docket should be certified as an eligible proceeding.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that this proceeding is designated as eligible for Issue Funds.

Made, entered, and effective Mar 06 2025.



Megan W. Decker
Chair



Letha Tawney
Commissioner



Les Perkins
Commissioner

