ORDER NO. 25-153

ENTERED April 23, 2025

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

**UM 2377** 

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON,

ORDER

Investigation into Marginal Cost Study Treatment of Costs for Large Customers and Further Modifications to Portland General Electric Company's Rule C and Rule I.

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

On April 8, 2025, the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB), filed a motion to designate this proceeding as eligible for an Issue Fund Grant. This docket was opened at the March 7, 2025 regular public meeting in addressing Staff's recommendations in docket UE 430. We previously issued an order granting CUB's motion to designate UE 430 as eligible for issue funds. CUB explains that it discussed with the parties in dockets UE 430 and UM 2377 the most efficient method to move from docket UE 430 to docket UM 2377, as well as this motion to designate and represents that no party objects. 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 like docket UE 430, 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 address tariff terms 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. 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 April 23, 2025

Letha Tawney

Commissioner

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Commissioner