ORDER NO. 25-303

ENTERED Aug. 11, 2025

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

## OF OREGON

**UE 452** 

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY,

**ORDER** 

2026 Annual Power Cost Update Tariff.

DISPOSITION: PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ISSUE FUND GRANT APPROVED

On June 17, 2025, Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB) filed a proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant in this proceeding. CUB seeks an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$90,000 from the 2025 Portland General Electric Issue Fund.

The Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA)<sup>1</sup> and the Supplemental Intervenor Funding Agreement between the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board and Portland General Electric Company,<sup>2</sup> require that a proposed issue fund budget contain 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) A budget showing estimated attorney, consultant and expert witness fees, which may include the cost for appropriate support staff and operations support; and
- 5) 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Approved by the Commission in Order No. 22-506.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Approved by the Commission in Order No. 25-298.

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20 percent of the eligible expenses for which the intervenor is seeking an Issue Fund Grant.

The IFA also requires that the proposed issue fund budget identify the specific fund accounts from which the intervenor is seeking monies and an estimate of the amount of available funds in that account.

Once a proposed budget is received, the Commission decides whether Issue 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.

CUB was automatically precertified to receive Issue Fund Grants under Section 5.2(a) of the IFA and OAR 860-001-0120(3)(a). CUB's proposed budget includes the requisite information and reflects 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 CUB's proposed budget is reasonable and should be approved.

The remaining funding available in the 2025 Portland General Electric Issue Fund under the IFA is \$759.45. Under the Supplemental Intervenor Funding Agreement, total available funds are \$100,000 for 2025.

## **ORDER**

## IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board's proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant is approved.
- 2. An Issue Fund Grant is approved up to \$759.45 from the 2025 Portland General Electric Issue Fund.

3. An Issue Fund Grant is approved up to \$89,240.55 from the 2025 PGE Supplemental Issue Fund.

Made, entered, and effective Aug. 11, 2025



Alison Lackey Chief Administrative Law Judge Administrative Hearings Division