

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 2377

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,

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

ORDER

DISPOSITION: PROPOSED BUDGET APPROVED

On July 31, 2025, the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) filed a notice of intent to request Justice Funding Case Fund Grant consistent with Order No. 23-033 and OAR 860-001-0800 through OAR 860-001-0900. CRITFC provided a proposed budget of \$30,450, and requested an up-front payment of 50 percent of its budget, or \$15,225, for participation in this proceeding.

CRITFC states that it is eligible for Justice Funding because it represents the interests of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, Nez Perce Tribe, and Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation (Member Tribes) and Columbia River tribal communities. CRITFC asserts that tribal communities, and tribal fishers on the Columbia River, many of whom reside in PGE's service territory, are vulnerable populations that are highly impacted by changes to the grid that lead to higher rates, increase pressure on the hydropower system, and drive increasing energy developments and transmission line expansions throughout the Columbia River Basin.

CRITFC notes that this proceeding is an eligible proceeding per OAR 860-001-0830 because this is a contested case involving a participating utility and that the outcomes of this proceeding will affect environmental justice communities in PGE's service territory. No party objected to CRITFC's notice of intent or proposed scope of work.

CRITFC included a proposed budget for consideration upon being deemed eligible for

Case Funds. No party objected to CRITFC's certification request or contested its ability to represent the Columbia Basin tribal communities. CRITFC states that it was an active participant in the contested case, docket UM 2345, PacifiCorp Continual Progress Towards HB 2021 Compliance, and also participated in the HB 2021 implementation in docket UM 2273 as well as the 2023 Integrated Resource Plan and Clean Energy Plan dockets for both Portland General Electric Company and PacifiCorp.

We find that docket UM 2377 qualifies as an eligible proceeding because it is a contested case proceeding that is anticipated to have a substantial impact on environmental justice communities. We agree that CRITFC qualifies as an eligible organization under Order No. 23-033 and OAR 860-001-0840.

In its proposed budget, CRITFC requests \$30,450 from the PGE Case Fund. CRITFC requests \$15,225, or 50 percent of its budget up front. CRITFC states that its participation will include review all legal and policy issues, prepare and file briefs, participate in oral arguments, and take all other actions necessary for complete representation in this matter. CRITFC states that it has retained expert services and will participate in discovery, filing testimony, evidentiary hearings, and briefing. CRITFC states that it plans to investigate issues directly related to environmental justice communities, including but not limited to ensuring that growing demand does not lead to unjust outcomes for the tribes and tribal communities it serves.

CRITFC's proposed budget includes the requisite information and reflects the current schedule adopted in this docket. No party opposed CRITFC's proposed budget. Considering the issues being addressed, the complexity of the issues and the significant policy decisions to be made, CRITFC's proposed budget is reasonable and should be approved.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission is certified to receive Case Funds in this docket.
2. The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission's proposed budget is approved;
3. A Justice Funding Case Fund Grant is approved for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission up to \$30,450 from the 2025 Portland General

Electric Company Case Fund for activity in docket UM 2377; and

4. Portland General Electric Company, pay \$15,225 from the 2025 Portland General Electric Company Case Fund to the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant be assessed to Portland General Electric Company's residential customers.

Made, entered, and effective August 18, 2025.



Letha Tawney
Chair



Les Perkins
Commissioner



COMMISSIONER POWER WAS
UNAVAILABLE FOR SIGNATURE

Karin Power
Commissioner