ORDER NO. 25-419

**ENTERED** 

Oct. 21, 2025

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

UE 459

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY,

ORDER

Application for Distribution System Plan Alternative Rate Mechanism.

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

On August 14, 2025, the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB), filed a motion to designate these proceedings 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 address issues related to PGE's request for rate recovery of certain elements of its distribution system investments.

The Commission has delegated to the Chief Administrative Law Judge the authority to sign uncontested orders relating to Intervenor Funding Agreements that determine a proceeding to be eligible for issue or case funding.<sup>1</sup>

I agree that these proceedings 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 these proceedings are designated as eligible for Issue Funds.

Made, entered, and effective Oct. 21, 2025



Alison Lackey
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Administrative Hearings Division

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In the Matter of Public Utility Commission of Oregon, The Delegation of Certain Duties and Powers of the Public Utility Commission, Docket No. CD 27, Order No. 25-408 (Oct. 15, 2025).