ORDER NO. 25-440

ENTERED Nov. 7, 2025

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

## **OF OREGON**

UM 2377

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON,

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. **ORDER** 

DISPOSITION: ISSUE FUND GRANT REQUEST AND REALLOCATION REQUEST APPROVED

On October 24, 2025, the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers, formerly known as the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities filed a Request for Final Payment of its Portland General Electric Company Issue Fund Grant. The procedures for payment of Issue Fund Grants are governed by Section 7.3 of the Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (Agreement), adopted by the Commission in Order No. 22-506. AWEC (as the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities) was precertified to receive Issue Fund Grants on August 21, 2003, in Order No. 03-502.

AWEC asks for a final payment of \$11,433.80 from the 2025 Portland General Electric Company Issue Fund. AWEC requests reallocation of the remaining \$21,324.70 from its approved Issue Fund Grant in this proceeding to docket UE 455. AWEC filed for approval of a Proposed Budget in docket UE 455 on October 24, 2025. Under the Agreement, the Request for Payment must:

- 1. Itemize the expenses, payees and hourly rates of amount to be reimbursed;
- 2. Demonstrate that the expenses are reasonable and are directly attributable to issues and positions pursued on behalf of a particular customer class and consistent with the intervenor's proposed budget;

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- 3. Provide information sufficient to show that the intervenor has complied with any conditions imposed on the Issue Fund Grant; and
- 4. Specify whether the request for payment is for a progress payment or a final payment and indicate whether any approved budget amount may be released back to the applicable Issue Fund.

Further, under the terms of Section 7.3 of the Agreement, AWEC must establish that it has "used in-house resources or outside funding to account for or pay at least 20% of the Eligible Expenses for the work to be performed in the proceeding for which the intervenor is seeking an Issue Fund Grant." AWEC provided the required documentation in its request.

The Agreement provides that the Commission determine in each proceeding how the participating utilities are to recover the funding grants from the various customer classes. Under Section 7.7(b), Issue Fund Grants should be allocated to align the costs of the advocacy with the intended potential beneficiaries of the advocacy. The Commission considered the intended beneficiaries and finds that the issue fund expenditures should be allocated to Portland General Electric Company's industrial customers.

The Commission finds that AWEC's request meets the requirements of the Agreement, and its request should be approved. Section 7.8 of the Agreement provides that the utility must pay the Issue Fund Grant to the requesting intervenor within 30 days after receipt of Commission directive.

## ORDER

## IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. The Alliance of Western Energy Consumers' request meets the requirements of the Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement, and its request is approved.
- 2. Portland General Electric Company pay \$11,433.80 from the Portland General Electric Company Issue Fund to the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant be assessed to Portland General Electric Company's industrial customers.

3. The remaining balance of the Issue Fund Grant is reallocated as indicated above to the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers' Issue Fund Grant in docket UE 455.

Made, entered, and effective November 7, 2025

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Alison Lackey
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Administrative Hearings Division