

ORDER NO. 25-461

ENTERED Nov 25 2025

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1103(22)

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
COMPANY,

Application for Reauthorization to Defer
Intervenor Funding Costs.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED

At its public meeting on November 25, 2025, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon adopted Staff's recommendation in this matter. The Staff Report with the recommendation is attached as Appendix A.

BY THE COMMISSION:



Alison Lackey
Chief Administrative Law Judge



A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order under ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-001-0720. A copy of the request must also be served on each party to the proceedings as provided in OAR 860-001-0180(2). A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Circuit Court for Marion County in compliance with ORS 183.484.

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: November 25, 2025**

REGULAR _____ **CONSENT** X **EFFECTIVE DATE** _____ **N/A**

DATE: November 10, 2025

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Kathy Zarate

THROUGH: Scott Gibbens and Michelle Scala **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC:
(Docket No. UM 1103(22))
Application for Reauthorization to Defer Costs Associated with Intervenor
Funding Grants

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve Portland General Electric (PGE or Company) request for reauthorization to defer costs related to Intervenor Funding Grants for the 12-month period beginning July 1, 2025.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve PGE's request for reauthorization to record and defer costs related to intervenor funding grants for the 12-month period beginning July 1, 2025.

Applicable Law

ORS 757.072 authorizes a utility to enter funding agreements with organizations that represent broad customer interests in Commission proceedings. When a public utility provides financial assistance under a funding agreement, ORS 757.072(4) states that the Commission shall allow a public utility to defer inclusion of the funding provided in rates as provided in ORS 757.259. A deferral may be authorized under ORS 757.259(2) for a period not to exceed 12 months beginning on or after the date of application.

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OAR 860-027-0300(4) requires the utility to provide certain information in an application for deferred accounting. This includes: a description of the expense or revenue for which deferral is requested, the basis for the request, the accounts proposed for recording the amounts to be deferred, an estimate of the amounts to be recorded in the deferred account, and a copy of the notice of the application for deferred accounting.

Analysis

Background

Commission Order No. 03-388 approved an Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA), pursuant to the Intervenor Funding Act, between PGE, Pacific Power (dba PacifiCorp), Northwest Natural Gas Company, Northwest Industrial Gas Users, the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB), and Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU), dated February 3, 2003.

This agreement specified the terms and conditions for intervenor funding grants, funding amounts to be contributed by each utility, and the payment of grants by utilities into three funds, which include the CUB Fund, the Pre-authorized Matching Fund, and the Issue Fund.

Reason for Deferral

Commission Order No. 03-561 authorized PGE's accounting process for the IFA grant funds. Commission Order No. 23-033 authorized PGE to defer for later amortization intervenor funding made available under the JFA.

PGE has been deferring funds pursuant to the IFA since 2003, and the latest Commission Order No. 24-182, authorized deferrals through June 30, 2025.

Proposed Accounting

PGE proposes to continue recording all deferred costs in FERC Account 182.3, Other Regulatory Assets, with a credit to FERC Account 456, Other Revenue.

Description of Expense

The Company proposed to continue recording, in a deferred account, all amounts PGE is required to pay through the CUB Fund, the Pre-Authorized Matching Fund, the Issue Fund (General Account and Case-Certified Account), the Interim Intervenor Funding Agreements, and the JFA.

Estimate of Amounts

The Company estimates amount is \$1,604,160 for the following intervenor funding account. See the following table below.

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Account Balances			
Fund	Balance	Forecasted Deferral	Estimated
Description	May 2025	2025	Balance 2026*
CUB	\$123,249	\$0	\$123,249
Matching	\$603,630	\$346,315	\$949,945
ISSUE (General and Case-Cert)	\$329,430	\$22,500	\$351,930
JFA (Interim, Pre-Cert, Case)	\$179,036	\$0	\$179,036
Estimated Total Balance			\$1,604,160

** does not include amortization and interest*

Pursuant to the terms of the IFA, individual fund costs will be allocated to the appropriate customer class: the CUB Fund will be charged to residential customers; the Pre-authorized Matching Fund will be charged to industrial customers, and the Issue Fund costs will be aligned and allocated to the intended beneficiaries of the advocacy undertaken on their behalf. Pursuant to the terms of the JFA, the Commission will decide as to how to recover the Justice Funding grants from the various customer classes of the affected Participating Public Utility or Utilities.

Information Related to Future Amortization

- Earnings Review – Pursuant to Commission Order No. 22-506, Appendix A, page 29, paragraph 7.9: If a Participating Public Utility seeks rate recovery through a deferred account, the account and amortization of the account shall be exempt from the amortization caps and earnings test set forth in Subsections 5,6,7,8, and 10 of ORS 757.259, as such subsections may be amended from time to time and shall not be included in any calculation of the amortization cap for other deferred accounts.
- Prudence Review – For amortization, the prudence review should be limited to verification of the accounting methodology used to determine the final amortization balance.
- Sharing – This deferral is not subject to a sharing mechanism.
- Rate Spread/Design – Account balances are to be spread to the appropriate customer classes per Order No. 18-017, Appendix A, page 27, paragraph 7.7(b).
- Three Percent Test (ORS 757.259(6)) – The three percent test does not apply to amortization of this deferral. See "Earnings Review" above.

Conclusion

The Company's application meets the requirements of ORS 757.259 and OAR 860-027-0300 for deferred accounting.

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Staff finds that the reason for the deferral costs, related to intervenor funding grants, is still valid.

Therefore, Staff recommends the Commission approve PGE's application for reauthorization to record and defer costs associated with Intervenor Funding Grants.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve PGE's Application to defer the costs associated with Intervenor funding grants for the 12-month period beginning July 1, 2025.

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