

**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: CASE CERTIFICATION REQUEST GRANTED; PROPOSED  
BUDGET APPROVED**

On February 17, 2026, the Community Energy Project (CEP) filed a notice of intent to request Justice Funding Case Fund Grant consistent with Order No. 25-409 and OAR 860-001-0800 through OAR 860-001-0900. CEP previously filed a notice of intent to request funding on December 1, 2026. This filing supplements and amends that original request.

To be eligible for a Case Fund grant, an organization must:

- a. demonstrate that it represents the interests of low-income residential customers or Environmental Justice Communities, and participation in proceedings will be primarily directed at public utility issues affecting those interests, including but not limited to interests in utility rates and terms and conditions of service, interests in the cost of access and impact from the delivery of services, interest in utility programs, and interest in utility resource planning;
- b. indicate the particular Environmental Justice Community or low-income customers it represents and demonstrate that it is able to effectively represent them;
- c. demonstrate that it is able to effectively represent or develop advocacy positions benefitting or informed by the Environmental Justice Community or low-income customers, in the service area of each utility for which funding is sought and demonstrates how it will identify the issues or advocacy positions that are important to them; and

- d. where applicable, indicate where in past Commission matters the organization demonstrated the ability to substantively contribute to the record on behalf of such interests.

In its application, the organization must identify:

- a. the matter or matters in which the applicant intends to participate, the nature of that participation, and why these matters are Eligible Proceedings;
- b. the Participating Public Utility account or accounts from which the applicant seeks funds; and
- c. a budget showing estimated Eligible Expenses, which may include the cost for appropriate support staff and operational support; a budget showing estimated consultant fees, expert witness fees, or contractor costs, which also may include the cost for appropriate support staff and operational support.

The Commission may, but is not obligated to consider any of the following factors:

- a. the breadth and complexity of the issues or the importance of community participation;
- b. the degree to which any policy issues affect the interests of low-income residential customers or the interests of residential customers that are members of Environmental Justice Communities;
- c. the proposed budget;
- d. whether the organization has significant ties to the Environmental Justice Community or low-income customers in the service area of each utility for which pre-certification or funding from a Case Fund is sought;
- e. the qualifications of the applicant and experience before the Commission; and
- f. the level of available funding available under the agreement.

CEP states that it intends to participate in this proceeding via discovery, by reviewing and drafting testimony, and drafting briefs and responses where appropriate. CEP explains that this will include reviewing changes to PGE's cost allocation methodology, the implementation of HB 3546, policies to prevent stranded assets and cost-shifting, HB 2021 compliance, and contributions to energy efficiency from data centers. CEP included a proposed budget for consideration upon being deemed eligible for Case Funds. CEP requests case funding in the amount of \$15,200. CEP requests a progress payment of 50 percent of its total request. No party objected to CEP's notice of intent, proposed scope of work, or budget.

In Order No. 25-409, the Commission determined that CEP is an eligible recipient for grants from PGE pre-certification and case funds under OAR 860-001-0840.<sup>1</sup> I find that

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<sup>1</sup> *In the Matter of Public Utility Commission of Oregon, House Bill 2475, Environmental Justice Communities Funding Agreement*, Docket No. UM 2389, Order No. 25-409 (Oct. 15, 2025).

docket UM 2377 qualifies as an eligible proceeding because it is a contested case proceeding affecting a participating utility (Portland General Electric Company), its customers, and environmental justice communities. Accordingly, the request for case certification should be granted.

CEP's proposed budget includes the requisite information and reflects the ongoing activity in this docket. Considering the issues being addressed, the complexity of the issues and the significant policy decisions to be made, CEP's proposed budget is reasonable and should be approved.

The Commission has the authority to accept, deny, or partially deny the request, and may place reasonable conditions on the grant, and may delegate this responsibility to the Chief Administrative Law Judge, consistent with Order No. 25-408.<sup>2</sup>

**ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Community Energy Project is certified to receive Case Funds in this docket.
2. The Community Energy Project's proposed budget is approved.
3. A Justice Funding Case Fund Grant is approved for the Community Energy Project up to \$15,200 from the 2026 Portland General Electric Company Case Fund for activity in docket UM 2377.
4. Portland General Electric Company pay \$7,600 from the 2026 Portland General Electric Company Case Fund to Community Energy Project 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 Mar 4, 2026.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alison Lackey".

Alison Lackey  
Chief Administrative Law Judge

<sup>2</sup> *In the Matter of Public Utility Commission of Oregon, The Delegation of Certain Duties and Powers of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon, Docket No. CD 27, Order No. 25-408 (Oct. 15, 2025).*