

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,

Advice No. 25-015, Schedule 401 –
Service to New Large Energy Use
Facilities.

ORDER

**DISPOSITION: PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ISSUE FUND GRANT
APPROVED**

On March 10, 2026, the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (AWEC), filed a proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant in this proceeding. AWEC's proposed budget shows eligible expenses in the amount of \$50,000; and it seeks an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$40,000.

The Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA), approved by the Commission in Order No. 22-506,¹ provides that pre-certified intervenors must submit a proposed issue fund budget to the Commission that contains, at a minimum, the following information:

1. A statement of the work to be performed;
2. A description of the areas to be investigated;
3. A description of the particular customer class(es) that will benefit from the intervenor's participation;
4. Identification of the specific fund accounts from which the intervenor is seeking monies and an estimate of the amount of available funds in that account;
5. A budget showing estimated attorney, consultant and expert witness fees, which may include the cost for appropriate support staff and operations support; and
6. A representation that the intervenor will use matching funds in the form of either in-house resources or outside funding to account for or pay at least 20 percent of the eligible expenses for which the intervenor is seeking an Issue Fund Grant.

Once a proposed budget is received, the Commission decides whether Issue Fund Grants are available for use based on factors identified in the agreement. The Commission has the authority to accept, deny or partially deny the request, and may place reasonable

¹ *In the Matter of Public Utility Commission of Oregon, Approval of the Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement*, Docket No. UM 2264, Order No. 22-506 (Dec. 29, 2022).

conditions on the grant. 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.²

AWEC became pre-certified on August 21, 2003, in Order No. 03-502.³ AWEC's proposed budget includes the requisite information and reflects the current schedule adopted in this docket. In light of the issues being addressed, the complexity of the issues and the significant policy decisions to be made, I find that AWEC's proposed budget is reasonable and should be approved.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Alliance of Western Energy Consumers' proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant is approved.
2. An Issue Fund Grant is approved up to \$40,000.
3. Made, entered, and effective Mar 20, 2026.



Alison Lackey
Chief Administrative Law Judge



² *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).

³ *In the Matter of Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities [now Alliance of Western Energy Consumers], Request for Intervenor Funding Precertification*, Docket No. 1095, Order No. 03-502 (Aug. 21, 2003).