

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 459

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
COMPANY,Application for Distribution System
Plan Alternative Rate Mechanism.

ORDER

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

On February 11, 2026, the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB) filed a request for a \$125,000 Supplemental Issue Fund Grant and proposed budget in this proceeding. On April 17, 2026, CUB filed an amended request for an Issue Fund Grant and proposed budget in this proceeding. The amended request continued to request a \$125,000 total grant but specifically requested \$90,321.00 from the 2026 Portland General Electric Company (PGE) Issue Fund and \$34,679.00 from the 2026 PGE Supplemental Issue Fund. On June 23, 2026, CUB filed a second amended request for an Issue Fund Grant and proposed budget in this proceeding. The second amended request provided additional information in support and maintained its request for a \$90,321.00 grant from the 2026 PGE issue fund and \$34,679 from the 2026 PGE Supplemental Issue Fund. The current request also provides a proposed budget of \$157,165.00 for CUB's activities in this proceeding.

The Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (Agreement) (approved by the Commission in Order No. 22-506)¹ and Supplemental Intervenor Funding Agreement (Supplemental Agreement) (approved by the Commission in Order No. 25-298)² govern the procedures for payment of Issue Fund Grants.³ CUB is automatically pre-certified to receive Issue Fund Grants under OAR 860-001-0120(3)(a) and under both agreements.

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).

² Order No. 25-298 at 8 (Aug. 6, 2025).

³ A First Amendment to the Supplemental Intervenor Funding Agreement between CUB and PGE was approved by the Commission at its regular public meeting on May 26, 2026. *See* Order No. 26-184 (May 27, 2026).

The Agreement requires that a proposed issue fund budget contain 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) A budget showing estimated attorney, consultant and expert witness fees, which may include the cost for appropriate support staff and operations support; and
- 5) 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.

The Agreement also requires that the proposed issue fund budget identify the specific fund accounts from which the intervenor is seeking monies and an estimate of the amount of available funds in that account.

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 may accept, deny, or partially deny the request, and may place reasonable conditions on the grant. The Commission has delegated responsibility to sign uncontested orders relating to Intervenor Funding Agreements to the Chief Administrative Law Judge, consistent with Order No. 25-408.⁴

CUB was automatically pre-certified to receive Issue Fund Grants under Section 5.2(a) of the Agreement and OAR 860-001-0120(3)(a). On October 21, 2025, the Commission designated this proceeding as eligible for Issue Funds.⁵ CUB's proposed budget includes the requisite information. In light of the issues addressed, the complexity of the issues, and the significant policy decisions made in the docket, I find that CUB's proposed budget is reasonable and should be approved. Due to the amount of funds available in the 2026 PGE Issue Fund that must be exhausted before the 2026 PGE Supplemental Issue is

⁴ *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).

⁵ *In the Matter of Portland General Electric Co., Application for Distribution System Plan Alternative Rate Mechanism*, Docket No. UE 459, Order No. 25-419 (Oct. 21, 2025).

available to CUB, I adjust the amount of grant funds that come from each fund as identified below.⁶

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board's proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant and Supplemental Issue Fund Grant is approved.
2. An Issue Fund Grant is approved up to \$102,454.99 from the 2026 Portland General Electric Issue Fund.
3. A Supplemental Issue Fund Grant is approved up to \$22,545.01 from the 2026 Portland General Electric Supplemental Issue Fund.

Made, entered, and effective Jul 22 2026.



Alison Lackey
Chief Administrative Law Judge



⁶ The 2026 PGE Issue Fund Annual Grant totaled \$180,641.98. With the carry-over from 2025 (\$24,268.00), the starting balance for the 2026 PGE Issue Fund was \$204,909.98. The amount of the 2026 PGE Issue Fund available to CUB was therefore \$102,454.99 as contemplated by the First Amendment to the Supplemental Agreement. This amount must be exhausted before CUB is eligible to seek funds from the 2026 PGE Supplemental Issue Fund.