

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

LC 88

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
COMPANY,2026 Integrated Resource Plan and Clean
Energy Plan

ORDER

DISPOSITION: CASE CERTIFICATION REQUEST GRANTED; PROPOSED
BUDGET APPROVED

On October 3, 2026, the Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC) and the NW Energy Coalition (NVEC) (collectively Applicants) 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. Applicants' notice of intent included a statement of work, a proposed budget, and presented an allocation of the proposed budget between Portland General Electric Company's 2026 and 2027 Case Fund accounts. The Applicants also requested the Commission identify these proceedings as an Eligible Proceeding under OAR 860-01-0830 and Section 6.2 of the Environmental Justice Communities Funding Agreement.¹ Finally, Applicants indicated they would equally split any grant amount awarded.

To be eligible for a Case Fund grant, an organization's notice of intent 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;

¹ See *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).

- 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;
- 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; and
- e. the Participating Public Utility account or accounts from which the applicant seeks funds through its grant request.

An organization's Case Fund Grant budget proposal must include:

- a. a statement of work, estimated eligible expenses;
- b. a description of the areas or issues to be investigated and addressed by the organization;
- c. a detail of estimated eligible expenses, which may include support staff, operational support, and consultant and expert witness fees;
- d. a description of the low-income customers or Environmental Justice Communities that will benefit from the organization's participation; and
- e. a description of the Participating Public utility account(s) from which the organization seeks funds and how payments should be apportioned.

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.

In Order No. 25-409, the Commission determined that CCC is an eligible organization for the Portland General Electric Company (PGE), PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power, and

Northwest Natural Gas Company funds under OAR 860-001-0840. In its request in this docket, CCC explains its status as an alliance of culturally specific community-based organizations that work with Black, Indigenous, and people of color communities on issues including housing, education, and environmental and economic justice. CCC notes its receipt of a Justice Funding Case Fund Grant in docket UM 2211, as well as its history of participation in general rate cases and proceedings focused on energy affordability, utility decarbonization, and increased access to clean energy. CCC also points to its experience in Commission proceedings related to House Bill (HB) 2021 implementation.

NWEC supports the current request by noting its participation in clean energy solutions for more than 40 years, as well as its substantial engagement in Oregon utility regulation. NWEC notes its members include Tribes, community-based organizations, consumer advocates, housing providers, and environmental justice partners. NWEC also highlights its participation in recent Commission proceedings addressing HB 2021, including dockets UM 2225, UM 2273, and LC 82. NWEC also points to its participation in PGE's wildfire protection plan proceeding, docket UM 2208 where NWEC received a Case Fund Grant. NWEC states this experience will inform its review and analyses of PGE's modeling and valuation of community-based renewable energy assets in these proceedings.

The Applicants state these proceedings are an Eligible Proceeding pursuant to OAR 860-001-0830(1), as an integrated resource plan with an outcome that will affect a Participating Public Utility, its customers, and its Environmental Justice Communities. Specifically, the Applicants note these proceedings focus on PGE's 2026 CEP/IRP. The Applicants explain that within these proceedings, the Commission will review PGE's plans and their effects on resource acquisition, customer costs and benefits to Environmental Justice Communities from HB 2021 implementation.

The Applicants state that they will direct their participation on PGE treatment of community-based renewable energy (CBRE), including whether PGE's modeling and planning appropriately identify CBRE resource potential and accurately account for resource costs, grid value, and community benefits. Applicants further specify their intention to retain an outside consultant to review and analyze CBRE resource eligibility and potential, CBRE resource costs, and CBRE benefits.

As noted, Applicants included a proposed budget for consideration. Applicants request a Case Fund grant in the amount of \$42,316, divided between PGE's 2026 and 2027 Case Fund Grant budgets based on their expectation that 25 percent of the work will occur in 2026 and 75 percent will occur in 2027. They will state that they will update the allocation between 2026 and 2027 if necessary to reflect the procedural schedule and

actual activities in the proceeding. Applicants further request a progress payment of 50 percent of its total request. No party objected to Applicants' notice of intent or proposed scope of work.

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. 25-408.²

As an integrated resource plan with an outcome that will affect a Participating Public Utility, its customers, and its Environmental Justice Communities, this matter is an Eligible Proceeding pursuant to OAR 860-001-0830(1). NWECA was previously certified to receive PGE Case Funds by the Commission in docket UM 2208.³ Applicants' proposed budget includes the requisite information and reflects the anticipated activity in this docket. No party opposed the proposed budget. Considering the issues being addressed, the complexity of the issues and the significant policy decisions to be made, the proposed budget of \$42,316 is reasonable and should be approved. Due to the timing of the CEP and IRP late in the calendar year, the procedural schedule for this docket will begin in 2026, with docket activities extending into 2027. Under Article 4.4 of the Agreement,

“the Commission may approve a Case Fund Grant from funds that will be made available in the next calendar year when the proceeding for which the Case Fund Grant is sought is expected to continue into that year and funds in the current year Case Fund are inadequate to provide the level of Case Fund Grants that the Commission determines is appropriate.”

Here, the 2026 PGE Case fund has approximately \$54,300 remaining. Because there are adequate funds in the 2026 PGE Case Fund for the proposed budget, the proposed budget is approved from the 2026 Case Fund. Finally, pursuant to OAR 860-001-0890(5), the Applicants' request for a 50 percent progress payment of the requested budget amount is approved.

² *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.

³ *In the Matter of Portland General Electric Company, Wildfire Mitigation Plan*, Docket No. UM 2208, Order No. 25-533 (Dec. 24, 2025).

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. This docket is designated as eligible to receive Case Funds under the Environmental Justice Communities Funding Agreement.
2. Coalition of Communities of Color is certified to receive Case Funds in this docket.
3. NW Energy Coalition is certified to receive Case Funds in this docket.
4. The budget jointly proposed by Coalition of Communities of Color and NW Energy Coalition is approved.
5. A Justice Funding Case Fund Grant is approved for Coalition of Communities of Color up to \$21,158 from the 2026 Portland General Electric Case Fund for activity in docket LC 88.
6. Portland General Electric Company pay \$10,579 from the 2026 Portland General Electric Company Case Fund to Coalition of Communities of Color within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant be assessed to Portland General Electric Company's residential customers.
7. A Justice Funding Case Fund Grant is approved for NW Energy Coalition up to \$21,158 from the 2026 Portland General Electric Case Fund for activity in docket LC 88.
8. Portland General Electric Company pay \$10,579 from the 2026 Portland General Electric Company Case Fund to NW Energy Coalition 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 Oct 21, 2026.



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

Alison Lackey
Chief Administrative Law Judge