ORDER NO. 26-428

ENTERED Nov 10 2026

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UE 470

In the Matter of PACIFICORP dba PACIFIC POWER, Request for a General Rate Revision.	ORDER

DISPOSITION: ISSUE FUND GRANT REQUEST APPROVED; REALLOCATION REQUEST APPROVED

On October 1, 2026, the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (AWEC) filed a request for final payment from the 2026 PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power Issue Fund. The Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (approved by the Commission in Order No. 22-506)[1] governs the procedures for payment of Issue Fund Grants. AWEC, as Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU), was precertified to receive Intervenor Funding Grants on August 21, 2003, in Order No. 03-502.[2] The Commission delegated responsibility to sign uncontested orders relating to Intervenor Funding Agreements, including authorizing partial or final payments to the Chief Administrative Law Judge, consistent with Order No. 25-408.[3]

In Order 26-219, the Commission approved AWEC's original proposed budget and authorized a grant of up to $50,755.00 from the 2026 PacifiCorp Issue Fund.[4] AWEC requests final payment of $28,569.29 from the 2026 PacifiCorp Issue Fund, noting it incurred expenses sufficient to justify the final payment amount in these proceedings, as described in AWEC's confidential Attachment A. AWEC requests reallocation of $22,185.71 remaining from the approved issue fund grant in this docket to its issue fund grants in dockets UP 441 and UM 2401, per Section 6.7 of the Agreement. Specifically, AWEC asks that $18,132.98 be reallocated to docket UP 441 and $4,052.73 be reallocated to docket UM 2401. Concurrent with its request for payment in this docket, AWEC filed

[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] *In the Matter of Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities, Request for Intervenor Funding Precertification*, Docket No. UM 1095, Order No. 03-502 (Aug. 21, 2003).
[3] *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).
[4] Order No. 26-219 (June 24, 2026).

amended requests for issue fund grants and amended budgets in dockets UP 441 and UM 2401.

Under the Agreement, the Request for Final Payment must:

1. Itemize the expenses, payees and hourly rates of amounts to be reimbursed;
2. Demonstrate that the expenses are reasonable and are directly attributable to issues and positions pursued on behalf of a particular customer class and consistent with the intervenor's proposed budget;
3. Provide information sufficient to show that the intervenor has complied with any conditions imposed on the Issue Fund Grant; and
4. Specify whether the request for payment is for a progress payment or a final payment and indicate whether any approved budget amount may be released back to the applicable Issue Fund.

Further, under the terms of the Agreement, AWEC must establish that it has "used in-house resources or outside funding to account for or pay at least 20% of the Eligible Expenses for the work to be performed in the proceeding for which the intervenor is seeking an Issue Fund Grant."[5] AWEC provided the required documentation in its request.

The Agreement provides that the Commission will make a determination in each proceeding as to how the participating utilities are to recover the funding grants from the various customer classes. Under Section 7.7(b), Issue Fund Grants should be allocated so as to fairly align the costs of the advocacy with the intended potential beneficiaries of the advocacy.[6] The Commission has considered the intended beneficiaries and finds that the issue fund expenditures should be allocated to PacifiCorp's industrial customers.

The Commission finds that AWEC has met the requirements of the Agreement, and its request should be approved. Section 7.8 of the Agreement provides that the utility must pay the Issue Fund Grant to the requesting intervenor within 30 days after receipt of the Commission directive.

[5] Order No. 22-506 at Appendix A, 20-21.
[6] *Id*. at Appendix A, 28-29.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Alliance of Western Energy Consumers has met the requirements of the Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement and its request is approved.

2. PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power pay $28,569.29 from its 2026 PacifiCorp Issue Fund to the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers within 30 days after receipt of this Order, and the grant be assessed to PacifiCorp's industrial customers.

3. The remaining balance of the Issue Fund Grant, $22,185.71, be reallocated to the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers Issue Fund grants in dockets UP 441 and UM 2401 as described above.

Made, entered, and effective Nov 10, 2026.

Alison Lackey
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Administrative Hearings Division