ORDER NO. 26-430

ENTERED Nov 10 2026

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1102(23)

In the Matter of PACIFICORP dba PACIFIC POWER, Application for Reauthorization of Deferred Accounting Regarding Intervenor Funding Grants.	ORDER

DISPOSITION: STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED

At its public meeting on November 10, 2026, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon adopted Staff's recommendation in this matter. The Staff Report with the recommendation is attached as Appendix A.

BY THE COMMISSION:

Alison Lackey
Chief Administrative Law Judge

A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Circuit Court for Marion County in compliance with ORS 183.484.

ITEM NO. CA3

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: November 10, 2026

REGULAR ____ **CONSENT** __X__ **EFFECTIVE DATE** _____**N/A**_____

DATE: October 13, 2026

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Kathy Zarate

THROUGH: Scott Gibbens and Michelle Scala **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: PACIFIC POWER:
(Docket No. UM 1102(23))
Application for Reauthorization to Defer Costs Associated with Intervenor Funding Grants.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission approve PacifiCorp's (Pacific Power or Company) request for reauthorization to defer costs associated with Intervenor Funding for the 12-month period beginning August 1, 2026.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve Pacific Power's application to defer costs related to Intervener Funding.

Applicable Law

ORS 757.072 authorizes a utility to enter funding agreements with organizations that represent broad customer interests in Commission proceedings. When a public utility provides financial assistance under a funding agreement, ORS 757.072(3) states that the Commission shall allow a public utility to defer inclusion of the funding provided in rates as provided in ORS 757.259. A deferral may be authorized under ORS 757.259(4) for a period not to exceed 12 months beginning on or after the date of application.

OAR 860-027-0300(4) requires the utility to provide certain information in an application for deferred accounting. This includes: a description of the expense or revenue for

which deferral is requested, the basis for the request, the accounts proposed for recording the amounts to be deferred, an estimate of the amounts to be recorded in the deferred account, and a copy of the notice of the application for deferred accounting.

Analysis

Background
The Intervenor Funding Act is an agreement between PacifiCorp, Portland General Electric Company (PGE), Northwest Natural Gas Company (NW Natural), Northwest Industrial Gas Users, Oregon Citizens' Utility Board of (CUB), and Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU), dated February 5, 2003. On December 19, 2007, the Commission issued Order No. 07-564 in Docket No. UM 1357 approving the Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement that extended intervenor funding until December 31, 2012. On November 20, 2012, the Commission issued Order No. 12-452 in Docket No. UM 1357 approving the Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement that extended intervenor funding until December 31, 2017.

The Intervenor Funding Agreement sets forth the number of funding to be played by each usefulness and the established procedures for budget submittals by intervenors, Commission approval of budgets, and the payment of grants by utilities. Also, the Intervenor Funding Agreement lets intervenors inquire about grants at any time during the calendar year.

In addition, HB 2475 Interim Funding Agreement on May 24, 2021, HB 2475 was enacted, which provided intervenor funding to two additional groups of advocates, specifically those representing "environmental justice communities" and "low-income communities[.]" On February 8, 2022, the Commission approved a form HB 2475 Interim Funding Agreement for the utilities and the expanded group of stakeholders and to authorize $141,667 in funding for these groups for PacifiCorp in 2022[1].

On February 8, 2023, the Commission issued Order No. 23-033 approving the Environmental Justice Communities Funding Agreement which provides up to $500,000 annually to eligible recipients (Companies). This agreement was extended for an additional 12 months on October 1, 2024[2]. A new agreement, which did not change the funding allocation, was adopted on October 15, 2025[3].

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[1] *See*, In the Matter of Public Utility Commission of Oregon, Implementation of House Bill 2475, Docket No. UM 2211, Order No. 22-043 (Feb. 10, 2022).
[2] *See,* In the Matter of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon, Approval of a One-Year Extension of HB 2475 Intervenor Funding Agreement, Docket No. UM 2211, Order No. 24-337 (Oct. 1, 2024).
[3] *See,* In the Matter of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon, HB 2475 Environmental Justice Communities Intervenor Funding Agreement, Docket No. UM 2389, Order No. 25-409 (Oct. 15, 2025).

Description of the Expenses
The deferral account includes expenses paid to the AWEC Issue Fund, CUB MSP Fund, AWEC Preauthorized Fund, AWEC MSP Fund, CUB Funding Grant, AWEC Preauthorized Match, HB 2475 Interim Funding Agreement, HB 2475 Precertification Fund, and the HB 2475 Case Fund, among others.[4]

Proposed Accounting
The Company proposes recording payment of Intervenor Funding Grants in a subaccount of FERC Account 182.3.

Reasons for Deferral
The Company expects to incur intervenor funding costs for the time period covered by this deferral for a year period and ORS 757.072(3) permits the Company to defer such costs.

Estimate of Amounts
PacifiCorp anticipates that the maximum amounts to be deferred during the 12-month period beginning August 1, 2026, will be as shown below.

Intervenor Funding Agreement[7]	
CUB Fund	$119,783
Preauthorized Matching Fund	$ 81,868
Issue Fund – General Account	$170,272
Issue Fund – Case-Certified Account	$ 10,000
Total	$362,475
MSP Funding Agreement	
CUB	$ 45,000
AWEC	$ 45,000
Total	$ 90,000
HB 2475 Interim Funding Agreement	
Total	$141,667
Environmental Justice Communities Funding Agreement	
Pre-Certification Fund	$85,000
Case Fund	$56,667
Total	$141,667

4 See, Exhibit B.

Information Related to Future Amortization

- Earnings Review - An earning review is not required prior to amortization under ORS 757.259(5) for amounts deferred under ORS 757.259(3). Staff recommends that no earnings test be applied given the purpose of this deferral.

- Prudence Review - For amortization, the prudence review should be limited to verification of the accounting methodology used to determine the final amortization balance.

- Sharing - This deferral is not subject to a sharing mechanism.

- Rate Spread/Design - Account balances are to be spread to the appropriate customer classes.

- Three Percent Test (ORS 757.259(6)) - The three percent test does not apply to amortization of this deferral, per ORS 757.259(4).

Conclusion

As the Company's application meets the requirements of ORS 757.259 and OAR 860-027-0300, and the reason for the deferral is still valid, Staff recommends the Commission approve Pacific Power's application.

The Company has reviewed a draft of this memo and voiced no concerns.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve Pacific Power's request for reauthorization to defer costs related to Intervenor Funding Grants for the 12-month period beginning August 1, 2026.

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