ORDER NO. 26-440

ENTERED Nov 10 2026

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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In the Matter of PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, 2027 Annual Power Cost Update Tariff.	ORDER

DISPOSITION: PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ISSUE FUND GRANT APPROVED; ISSUE FUND GRANT REQUEST APPROVED; REALLOCATION REQUEST APPROVED

On October 1, 2026, the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers filed a proposed budget for an issue fund grant in this proceeding. AWEC's proposed budget shows eligible expenses in the amount of $56,450.63 and seeks an issue fund grant in the amount of $45,160.50 from the 2026 Portland General Electric Company (PGE) Issue Fund. AWEC, as Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU), was precertified to receive Intervenor Funding Grants on August 21, 2003, in Order No. 03-502.[1] The Commission delegated responsibility to sign uncontested orders relating to Intervenor Funding Agreements to the Chief Administrative Law Judge, consistent with Order No. 25-408.[2]

AWEC also filed a request for final payment of this issue fund grant on October 1, 2026, conditioned on the approval of its proposed budget. AWEC requests final payment of $18,938.94 from the 2026 PGE 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 $26,221.56 remaining from the approved issue fund grant in this docket to its issue fund grants in dockets UM 2385 and AR 676, per Section 6.7 of the Fifth Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA).[3] Specifically, AWEC asks that $12,109.03 be reallocated to docket UM 2385 and $14,112.53 be reallocated to docket AR 676. Concurrent with its request for payment in

[1] *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).
[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 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).

this docket, AWEC filed an amended request for an issue fund grant and amended budget in docket UM 2385 and a request for an issue fund grant and proposed budget including the reallocated funds in AR 676.

The IFA requires that a proposed issue fund grant 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 IFA also requires that the proposed issue fund grant 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 has the authority to accept, deny or partially deny the request, and may place reasonable conditions on the grant. AWEC provided the required documentation in its proposed budget.

Under the IFA, 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 IFA, 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."[4] AWEC provided the required documentation in its request for final payment.

The IFA 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.[5] The Commission has considered the intended beneficiaries and finds that the issue fund expenditures should be allocated to PGE's industrial customers.

In light of the issues being addressed, the complexity of the issues and the significant policy decisions to be made, the Commission finds that AWEC's proposed budget is reasonable and should be approved. The Commission finds that AWEC has met the requirements of the IFA, and its request for final payment should be approved. Section 7.8 of the IFA provides that the utility must pay the Issue Fund Grant to the requesting intervenor within 30 days after receipt of the Commission directive.

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

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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 $45,160.50 from the 2026 Portland General Electric Company Issue Fund.

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

4. Portland General Electric Company pay $18,938.94 from its 2026 Portland General Electric Company Issue Fund to the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers within 30 days after receipt of this Order, and the grant be assessed to Portland General Electric Company's industrial customers.

5. The remaining balance of the Issue Fund Grant, $26,221.56, be reallocated to the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers Issue Fund grants in dockets UM 2385 and AR 676 as described above.

Made, entered, and effective Nov 10, 2026.

Alison Lackey
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Administrative Hearings Division