

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of	)	
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OREGON ELECTRIC UTILITY	)	ORDER
COMPANY, LLC, et al.,	)	
	)	
Application for Authorization to Acquire	)	
Portland General Electric Company.	)	

**DISPOSITION: ISSUE FUND GRANT FINAL PAYMENT ORDERED**

On April 12, 2005, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) filed a Request for Final Payment of Portland General Electric's (PGE) Issue Fund Grant with the Oregon Public Utility Commission (Commission). Section 7.3 of the Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA), which the Commission adopted in Order No. 03-388, governs the procedures for payment of Issue Fund Grants. To be eligible to receive intervenor funding under the Agreement, an intervenor must become either precertified under section 5.2 of the Agreement or case certified under section 5.3 of the Agreement. CUB was automatically precertified for Issue Fund Grants under section 5.2(a) of the IFA.

The Commission previously approved CUB's budget for \$81,654, in this case in Order No. 04-352. In Order No. 05-003, the Commission ordered partial payment, amounting to \$32,745.34 on CUB's approved budget. CUB's current request seeks payment of the remaining portion of its costs, amounting to \$37,631.50. CUB's initial budget request was for \$81,654, but its actual total costs were \$70,376.84. The majority of the discrepancy, CUB explains, was due to lower-than-expected consulting costs.

Section 7.3 allows a request for payment to be made at anytime during an eligible proceeding. A request for payment must:

- (1) Itemize the expenses, payees and hourly rates of amount 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; and
- (3) Provide information sufficient to show that the intervenor has complied with any conditions imposed on the Issue Fund Grant.

In Order No. 04-352, the Commission imposed an additional requirement that CUB report detailed expenses on an ongoing basis on July 1, September 1, and November 1, 2004.

We find that CUB has met the requirements of the IFA and Order No. 04-352, and its request for final payment should be approved. Section 7.2 of the IFA provides that the utility shall pay the Issue Fund Grant to the requesting intervenor within 30 days after receipt of Commission directive.

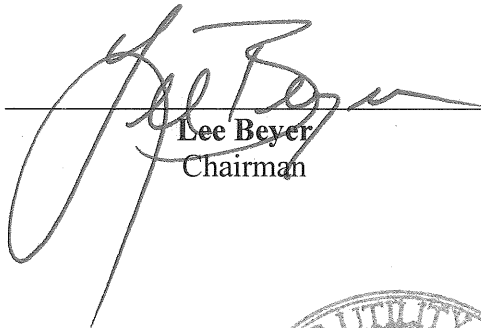
The IFA also provides that the Commission shall make a determination in each proceeding as to how the participating utilities are to recover the funding grants from the various customer classes. Pursuant to Section 7.7(b), Issue Fund Grants should be allocated so as to fairly align the costs of the advocacy with the intended potential beneficiaries of the advocacy. We have considered the intended beneficiaries, and find that the issue fund expenditures should be allocated to PGE's residential customers.

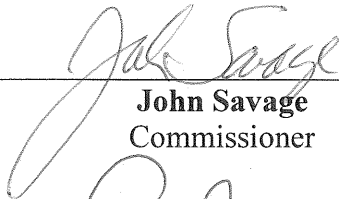
**ORDER**


IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon has met the requirements of the Intervenor Funding Agreement, and its request is approved.
2. Portland General Electric Company shall pay \$37,631.50 from its Issue Fund to the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon within 30 days after receipt of this Order, and the grant shall be assessed to Portland General Electric Company's residential customers.

Made, entered, and effective APR 18 2005

  
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**Lee Beyer**  
Chairman

  
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**John Savage**  
Commissioner

  
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**Ray Baum**  
Commissioner



A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-014-0095. A copy of any such request must also be served on each party to the proceeding as provided by OAR 860-013-0070(2). A party may appeal this order to a court pursuant to applicable law.