

**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 PAYMENT ORDERED

On April 14, 2005, Associated Oregon Industries (AOI) filed a Request for Payment of Portland General Electric’s (PGE) Issue Fund Grant with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (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. The Commission granted case certification for AOI on May 27, 2004, in Order No. 04-303.

The Commission approved AOI’s proposed budget of \$55,000 in Order No. 04-352. AOI requests payment of the actual eligible expenses in this docket, which amount to \$51,712.15.

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 AOI report detailed expenses on an ongoing basis on July 1, September 1, and November 1, 2004.

We find that AOI has met the requirements of the IFA and Order No. 04-352, and its request for 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.

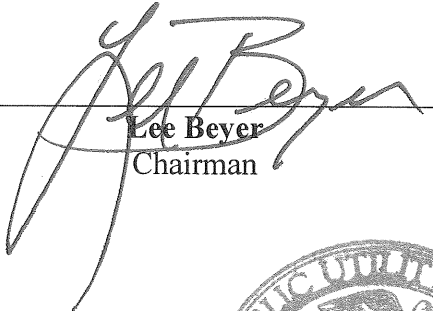
The IFA also provides that the Commission shall make a determination in each proceeding as to how the participating utilities are to recover the funding grants from the various customer classes. Pursuant to Section 7.7(b), Issue Fund Grants should be allocated so as to fairly align the costs of the advocacy 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 industrial customers.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. Associated Oregon Industries has met the requirements of the Intervenor Funding Agreement, and its request is approved.
- 2. Portland General Electric Company shall pay \$51, 712.15 from its Issue Fund to Associated Oregon Industries within 30 days after receipt of this Order, and the grant shall be assessed to Portland General Electric's industrial customers.

Made, entered, and effective APR 22 2005



Lee Beyer
 Chairman



John Savage
 Commissioner



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.