

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of)	
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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF)	ORDER
OREGON)	
)	
Investigation of Automatic Adjustment)	
Clause pursuant to SB 838.)	

DISPOSITION: ISSUE FUND GRANT REQUEST APPROVED

On February 11, 2008, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) filed with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) a request for final payment from the Issue Funds of PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power (PacifiCorp) and Portland General Electric Company (PGE). Section 7.3 of the Intervenor Funding Agreement (Agreement), adopted by the Commission in Order No. 03-388, governs the procedures for payment of Issue Fund Grants.¹

On September 21, 2007, CUB submitted a proposed budget of \$16,810, assuming a fully litigated case. The Commission approved CUB's proposed budget in Order No. 07-431.

CUB now seeks payment of its costs in this case, amounting to \$6,680 (\$3,340 from each of the PGE and PacifiCorp Issue Funds). CUB anticipates that this request will be its final request for payment. Under Section 7.3 of the Agreement, the 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.

¹ This request is being processed under the terms of the Agreement that was in effect at the time of the proposed budget approval.

The Agreement 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.

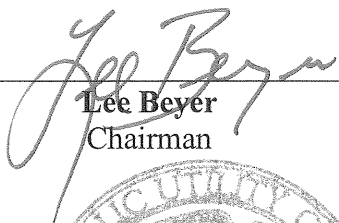
We find that CUB has met the requirements of the Agreement, and its request should be approved. We have considered the intended beneficiaries, and find that the issue fund expenditures should be allocated equally to PacifiCorp's and PGE's residential customers. Section 7.2 of the Agreement provides that the utility shall pay the Issue Fund Grant to the requesting intervenor within 30 days after receipt of Commission directive. The balance of the approved budget should be made equally available to the PacifiCorp and to the PGE Issue Funds provided no party requests clarification or reconsideration of Order No. 07-572 within the appropriate timeframe.

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. PacifiCorp shall pay \$3,340 from the PacifiCorp Issue Fund to the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon within 30 days after receipt of this Order, and the grant shall be assessed to PacifiCorp's residential customers.
3. Portland General Electric Company shall pay \$3,340 from the Portland General Electric Company 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 FEB 22 2008.




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 by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480-183.484.