

ORDER NO. 08-600

ENTERED 12/26/08

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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In the Matter of)
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC) ORDER
COMPANY)
Request for a General Rate Revision.)

DISPOSITION: ISSUE FUND GRANT REQUEST APPROVED

On December 16, 2008, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) filed a Request for Payment from the Portland General Electric Company (PGE) Issue Fund Grant with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission). Section 7.3 of the First Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (Agreement), adopted by the Commission in Order No. 07-564, governs the procedures for payment of Issue Fund Grants. CUB was automatically precertified to receive Issue Fund Grants under Section 5.2(a) of the original Intervenor Funding Agreement adopted in Commission Order 03-388 and OAR 860-012-0100(3)(a).

CUB asks for a progress payment of \$53,056 from the (applicable utility's) Issue Fund. Under 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;
 - 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 Agreement, CUB must establish that it has "used in-house resources or outside funding for at least 20% of the Eligible Expenses for an Eligible Proceeding." Agreement at 15. CUB provided the required documentation in its request.

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. Agreement at 23. We have considered the intended beneficiaries, and find that the issue fund expenditures should be allocated to PGE's residential customers.

We find that CUB has met the requirements of the Agreement, and its request should be approved. Section 7.8 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.

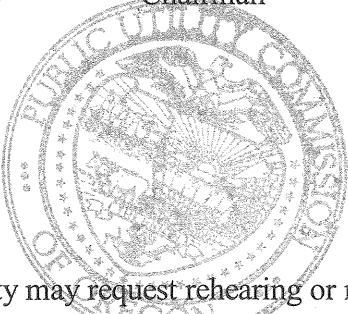
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IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon has met the requirements of the First Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement, and its request is approved.
2. Portland General Electric Company shall pay \$53,056 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 DEC 26 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.