

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

LC 57

In the Matter of

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER

2013 Integrated Resource Plan.

ORDER

**DISPOSITION: PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ISSUE FUND GRANT
APPROVED**

On June 20, 2013, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) filed a proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant in this proceeding and noted in the filing that there were no uncommitted funds available in the 2013 Pacific Power Issue Fund at the time intervenor funding proposed budgets were due. CUB's initial proposed budget showed eligible expenses in the amount of \$48,680; and it sought an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of zero dollars because no funds were available. On August 23, 2013, CUB filed an amended request for an issue fund grant. The proposed budget accompanying the amended request shows eligible expenses in the amount of \$48,680, and CUB now seeks an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$30,270. Because CUB released funds from several of its other issue fund grants, monies are now available in the Pacific Power Issue Fund.

The Second Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA), approved by the Commission in Order No. 12-452, provides that precertified intervenors must submit a proposed issue fund budget to the Commission that contains, at a minimum, 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) Identification of the specific fund accounts from which the intervenor is seeking monies and an estimate of the amount of available funds in that account;
- 5) A budget showing estimated attorney, consultant and expert witness fees, which may include the cost for appropriate support staff and operations support; and
- 6) 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.

Once a proposed budget is received, we decide whether Issue Fund Grants are available for use based on factors identified in the IFA. We have the authority to accept, deny or partially deny the request, and may place reasonable conditions on the grant.

CUB was automatically precertified to receive Issue Fund Grants under Section 5.2(a) of the IFA and OAR 860-001-0120(3)(a). CUB's proposed budget includes the requisite information and reflects the current schedule adopted in this docket.

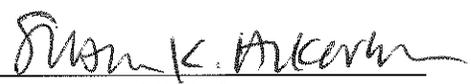
In light of the issues being addressed, the complexity of the issues and the significant policy decisions to be made, we believe that CUB's proposed budget is reasonable and should be approved.

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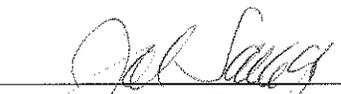
IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon's proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant is approved.
2. An Issue Fund Grant is approved up to \$30,270.

Made, entered, and effective SEP 03 2013.



Susan K. Ackerman
 Chair



John Savage
 Commissioner



Stephen M. Bloom
 Commissioner

