

ORDER NO. 14 164

ENTERED MAY 16 2014

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 279

In the Matter of

IDAHO POWER COMPANY,

2014 Annual Power Cost Update.

ORDER

**DISPOSITION: PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ISSUE FUND GRANT AND
WAIVER REQUEST APPROVED**

On May 9, 2014, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) filed a proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant in this proceeding. CUB's proposed budget shows eligible expenses in the amount of \$6,250; and it seeks an Issue Fund Grant in the amount of \$5,000. CUB also requested a waiver of the timing requirement found in Article 6.2 of The Intervenor Funding Agreement by and among Idaho Power Company and the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (IFA).

The IFA approved by the Commission in Order No. 10-396, provides that CUB 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 CUB's participation;
- 4) An estimate of the amount of available funds in the Issue Fund 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 CUB 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 CUB 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 5.1 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 and waiver request are reasonable and should be approved.

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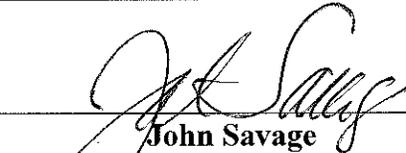
IT IS ORDERED that:

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 \$5,000.
3. The request for waiver is granted.

Made, entered, and effective MAY 16 2014.



Susan K. Ackerman
 Chair



John Savage
 Commissioner



Stephen M. Bloom
 Commissioner

