

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

AR 603

In the Matter of

Rulemaking to Implement Community Solar
Provisions of SB 1547.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ISSUE FUND GRANTS
APPROVED

On February 7, 2017, the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB) filed a proposed budget for Issue Fund Grants in this proceeding. CUB's proposed budget shows eligible expenses in the amount of \$40,000 and it seeks Issue Fund Grants from PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power; Portland General Electric Company (PGE); and Idaho Power Company as follows:

| Company | Grant Amount |
|-------------|--------------|
| PacifiCorp | \$14,000 |
| PGE | \$14,000 |
| Idaho Power | \$4,000 |

The Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement, approved by the Commission in Order No. 15-335, and the Intervenor Funding Agreement by and among Idaho Power Company and the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon, approved by the Commission in Order No. 16-028, (the IFAs) provide 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, the Commission decides whether Issue Fund Grants are available for use based on factors identified in the IFAs. The Commission has 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 Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement, under Section 5.1 of the Intervenor Funding Agreement by and among Idaho Power Company and the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon, and OAR 860-001-0120(3)(a). CUB's proposed budget includes the requisite information and reflects the current events in this docket.

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

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon's proposed budget for an Issue Fund Grant is approved.
2. Issue Fund Grants are approved up to \$14,000 from the Portland General Electric Company Issue Fund, \$14,000 from the PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power Issue Fund and \$4,000 from the Idaho Power Company Issue Fund.

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Made, entered, and effective _____.



Michael Grant
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Administrative Hearings Division