

ORDER NO. 17 430

ENTERED OCT 24 2017

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,

Investigation to Determine the Resource
Value of Solar.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: ISSUE FUND GRANT REQUESTS APPROVED

On October 20, 2017, the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board filed a Request for Payment of its Issue Fund Grants. Section 7.3 of the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (Agreement), adopted by the Commission in Order No. 15-335, 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 Agreement and under OAR 860-001-0120(3)(a).

CUB asks for progress payments of \$5,549.17 from the Portland General Electric Company Issue Fund, \$5,549.17 from the PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power, Issue Fund, and \$2,774.58 from the Idaho Power Company 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 percent of the Eligible Expenses for an Eligible Proceeding. Agreement at 22. 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. Section 7.7(b) of the Agreement provides that 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 24. The Commission has considered the intended beneficiaries, and finds that the issue fund expenditures should be allocated to residential customers of PGE, PacifiCorp and Idaho Power.

The Commission finds 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 must pay the Issue Fund Grant to the requesting intervenor within 30 days after receipt of the Commission directive.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board has met the requirements of the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement, and its request is approved.
2. Portland General Electric Company pay \$5,549.17 from the PGE Issue Fund to the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant be assessed to PGE's residential customers.
3. PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power, pay \$5,549.17 from the PacifiCorp Issue Fund to the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant be assessed to PacifiCorp's residential customers.

4. Idaho Power Company pay \$2,774.58 from the Idaho Power Issue Fund to the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant be assessed to Idaho Power's residential customers.

Made, entered, and effective OCT 24 2017



Michael Grant

Michael Grant
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Administrative Hearings Division