

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 2165

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,

Investigation of Transportation
Electrification Investment Framework.

ORDER

**DISPOSITION: MOTION TO DESIGNATE PROCEEDING AS ELIGIBLE FOR
ISSUE FUNDS GRANTED**

On May 28, 2021, the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB), filed a motion to designate this proceeding as eligible for an Issue Fund Grant.

The Fourth Amended Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA) approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (Commission) in Order No. 18-017, defines "Eligible Proceedings for Issue Funds" as a proceeding before the Commission to review:

1. A general rate case request,
2. The proposed acquisition or merger of one of the Participating Public Utilities,
3. An Integrated Resource Plan,
4. An annual power cost request (such as PGE's Annual Update Tariff or PacifiCorp's TAM) or a purchase gas adjustment request, or
5. Any other proceeding so designated by the Commission that directly affects one or more of the Participating Utilities and is anticipated to have a substantial impact on utility rates or service, a significant impact on utility customers or the operations of the utility, is likely to result in a significant change in regulatory policy, or raises novel questions of law.

This docket involves both Portland General Electric (PGE) and PacifiCorp, participating utilities in the IFA. This docket is an investigation into the Transportation Electrification (TE) Investment Framework. This investigation will examine whether a change in regulatory policy is necessary to alter the framework through which the Commission currently examines TE investments. CUB claims this investigation will examine new policy issues, including, but not limited to, the proper role for utility investments in the TE space. One goal of this investigation is to determine pathways for compliance with

Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-04, and TE goals in 2019 Senate Bill 1044. CUB claims that determining these pathways will involve novel issues of law. Further, CUB argues that since the investment frameworks will affect customer rates and alter utility service, the investigation in this docket will likely have a significant impact on rates and utility service.

We agree that this proceeding qualifies as an eligible proceeding because this docket is anticipated to result in a significant change in regulatory policy. Further, this docket will likely raise novel questions of law, and is likely to have an impact on rates and utility service. Accordingly, the motion should be granted, and this docket should be certified as an eligible proceeding.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that this proceeding is designated as a proceeding eligible for Issue Funds.

Made, entered, and effective Jul 08 2021.



Megan W. Decker
Chair



Letha Tawney
Commissioner



Mark R. Thompson
Commissioner



A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order under 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 860-001-0720. A copy of the request must also be served on each party to the proceedings as provided in OAR 860-001-0180(2). A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480 through 183.484.