

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UE 435

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC  
COMPANY,

Request for a General Rate Revision.

ORDER

**DISPOSITION: CASE FUND GRANT REQUEST APPROVED; 50 PERCENT  
PAYMENT ORDERED**

On May 17, 2024, Verde filed a notice of intent to request justice funding case fund grant, request for case certification, proposed budget, and request for 50 percent payment consistent with Order Nos. 23-033, and OAR 860-001-0800 through OAR 860-001-0900. On May 10, 2024, Verde filed a petition to intervene in this docket, which was granted on May 21, 2024.

Verde is an intervenor in this docket. Verde was found to be eligible for Justice Funding in Order Nos. 22-043 and 23-485. Verde notes that this proceeding is an eligible proceeding per section 6.2 of the Environmental Justice Communities Funding Agreement and that this proceeding affects customers of Portland General Electric Company. No party objected to Verde's notice of intent, proposed scope of work, proposed budget, or request for payment of 50 percent of the proposed budget up front.

Verde intends to participate in the proceeding through reviewing and analyzing the testimony and briefs filed, by filing testimony, and participating in hearings, workshops, and settlement discussions. Verde notes that it intends to consult an expert witness or consultant on certain issues. Verde states that it will examine all issues relevant to the requested rate increase, rate spread and methods to mitigate or avoid impacts to environmental justice communities. Verde states that it will focus on issues directly related to environmental justice communities.

In its proposed budget, Verde identifies projected expenses based on time estimates for a consultant/expert, counsel, and its energy justice coordinator. Verde requests up-front payment of 50 percent of its grants in accordance with Article 7.2 of the Justice Funding Agreement.

I agree that Verde qualifies as an eligible organization under Order No. 23-033 and OAR 860-001-0840. I agree with Verde's application of Order No. 23-033 to use Case Funds for this docket.

Accordingly, the request for a case fund grant and a 50 percent up-front payment should be granted. Verde provided a proposed budget containing descriptions of eligible expenses, identification of the utility account from which it requests funds, and a statement of work.

The Commission has the authority to accept, deny, or partially deny the request, and may place reasonable conditions on the grant, and may delegate this responsibility to the Chief Administrative Law Judge, consistent with Order No. 23-321.

Verde's proposed budget and scope of work include the requisite information and reflects the current schedule adopted in this docket, identifying its activities as participating in workshops, settlement meetings, hearings; reviewing testimony and briefs; filing testimony; and consulting an expert on certain issues. Considering the issues being addressed, the complexity of the issues and the significant policy decisions to be made, Verde's proposed budget is reasonable and should be approved.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Verde's proposed budget is approved;
2. A Justice Funding Case Fund Grant is approved for Verde up to \$45,000 from the 2024 Portland General Electric Company Case Fund for activity in this docket;
3. Portland General Electric Company pay \$22,500 from the 2024 Portland General Electric Company Case Fund to Verde within 30 days after receipt of this order, and the grant be assessed to Portland General Electric Company's residential customers.

Made, entered, and effective Jul 23, 2024.

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Alison Lackey  
Chief Administrative Law Judge

