

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**OF OREGON**

**AR 603**

In the Matter of )  
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Rulemaking to Implement ) CUB REQUEST FOR AN  
 ) ISSUE FUND GRANT &  
 ) PROPOSED BUDGET  
Community Solar Provisions of SB 1547. )  
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The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (“CUB”) requests a total grant of \$32,000, split among Portland General Electric’s (“PGE”), PacifiCorp’s, and Idaho Power’s respective 2017 Issue Funds. CUB estimates eligible expenses of \$40,000, before the 20% match. CUB requests \$14,000 from the 2017 Portland General Electric (“PGE”) Issue Fund, \$14,000 from the 2017 PacifiCorp Issue Fund, and \$4,000 from the 2017 Idaho Power Issue Fund. CUB staff have been tracking their participation in this docket by hours and activity.

CUB is pre-certified per OAR 860-012-0100(3)(a). AR 603 is an eligible proceeding under the Third Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”), as approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission in Order No. 15-335, entered October 20, 2015, and under the Idaho Power-CUB 2016 -2020 Intervenor Funding Agreement (“Idaho Power IFA”), as approved by the Commission in Order No. 16-028, entered January 26, 2016. The proceeding directly affects PGE, PacifiCorp, and Idaho Power, which are all participating public utilities under their respective intervenor funding agreements. *See* IFA, Article 1(k); Idaho Power IFA, Article 1(h). CUB filed its Notice of Intent to Request an Issue Fund Grant, as required by the intervenor funding agreements *See* IFA, Article 6.2; Idaho Power IFA, Article 6.2

Pursuant to Article 6.3 of the IFA and Article 6.3 of the Idaho Power IFA, the proposed budget must identify certain points of information. CUB provides the information below.

*(a) Statement of Work to Be Performed:* CUB intends to participate in every procedural aspect of

this case. CUB will participate in all workshops and settlement meetings. CUB will review and analyze testimony and briefs filed in this docket, if and when they are filed. If there is a discovery phase to this docket, we will pursue discovery of the PUC through data requests. If there is a hearing scheduled, we will file testimony and a prehearing brief, we will participate in the hearing, and we will file a post-hearing brief.

*(b) Description of Areas to Be Investigated:* CUB is investigating issues including, but not limited to:

- 1) Design of community solar program, including such issues as size limits, subscription requirements, location, ownership and administrator
- 2) Rules for community solar program
- 3) Methods for low income participation

*(c) Description of the Class or Classes Benefiting from CUB's Participation:* CUB represents the interests of PGE, PacifiCorp, and Idaho Power residential customers, though other customer classes may benefit from many aspects of our participation.

*(d) The Fund from Which CUB Seeks an Issue Fund Grant & Available Funds:* CUB is seeking a \$14,000 grant from the 2017 PGE Issue Fund, a \$14,000 grant from the 2017 PacifiCorp Issue Fund, and a \$4,000 grant from the 2017 Idaho Power Issue Fund. CUB's budget shows eligible expenses, before the match, of \$40,000. Section 4.4 of the IFA permits the Commission to "approve an Issue Fund Grant from funds that will be made available in the next calendar year when the proceeding for which the Issue Fund are inadequate to provide the level of Issue Fund Grants that the Commission determines is appropriate." Although some work and settlement conferences for AR 603 took place in 2016, significant activity is expected to take place in 2017. CUB respectfully requests that the Commission approve CUB's request for a \$14,000 grant from the 2017 PGE Issue Fund, a \$14,000 grant from the 2017 PacifiCorp Issue Fund, and a \$4,000 grant from the 2017 Idaho Power Issue Fund.

*(e) The Budget Showing Estimated Fees and Costs:* CUB's budget accompanies this document

as Attachment A.

(f) *A Representation of the Use of Matching Funds:* The budget and an accounting for the use of matching funds accompany this document as Attachment A.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Jenks", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bob Jenks  
Executive Director  
Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon

**CUB Proposed Budget -- AR 603**

<b>CUB Internal Expenses</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<i>Staff</i>			
Bob Jenks, Executive Director	\$250	20.00	\$5,000.00
Jaime McGovern, Senior Economist	\$225	15.00	\$3,375.00
Liz Jones, Staff Attorney	\$225	135.00	\$30,375.00
Sarah Ryan-Knox, Paralegal	\$75	15.00	\$1,125.00
<i>Other Expenses</i>			
Printing, Mailing & Travel			\$125.00
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<b>In-House Resources</b>			
20% of Eligible Expenses			(\$8,000)
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$32,000</b>