

BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

[UE 416]

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY  
Request for a General Rate Revision and 2024  
Annual Power Cost Update

COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP'S NOTICE OF  
INTENT TO REQUEST JUSTICE FUNDING CASE  
FUND GRANT AND CASE CERTIFICATION;  
PROPOSED BUDGET

Pursuant to HB 2475 (ORS 757.072), OAR 860-001-0860, and the Justice Funding Agreement adopted by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (Commission) in UM 2211 by Order 23-033 (February 7, 2023), the Community Action Partnership of Oregon (CAPO) files this Notice of Intent to Request Justice Funding Case Fund Grant, Request for Case Certification, and Proposed Budget.

**1. CAPO is Eligible For Justice Funding in Accordance with OAR 860-001-0860**

CAPO is eligible for justice funding because it has been deemed an eligible grantee in previous proceedings as required by OAR 860-001-0860 (1). These previous proceedings are UM 2211 (Order 22-369) and AR 653 (Order 22-366).

**2. UE 416 is an Eligible Proceeding under OAR 860-001-0830**

UE 416 is an eligible proceeding under OAR 860-001-0830 (1) because it is a contested case that affects Portland General Electric Company (PGE), its customers, and Environmental Justice Communities, specifically low-income energy-burdened PGE customers. The mechanism of this effect is PGE's proposed increased revenue requirement and its proposed rate spread.

**3. This Notice is Served on PGE, all Pre-Certified Organizations, and all Parties to UE 416.**

**4. The Case Fund Grant is Requested from PGE's Account**

**5. CAPO's Proposed Budget**

**a. Statement of Work**

CAPO intends to participate in every aspect of this proceeding, including meetings, workshops, hearings, and settlement conferences. CAPO intends to review and analyze PGE's tariff filings, testimony, and comments; conduct research and consult with experts; file testimony/testify at hearings; and participate in settlement conferences. CAPO's main participant will be internal staff: Utility Policy Analyst Benedikt Springer. If it becomes necessary, CAPO might consult with an expert witness or attorney.

CAPO's efforts in this rate case will be focused on exploring the following two issues:

- a. Are existing assistance programs sufficient to make electricity affordable to low-income customers? Will rate increases exacerbate current energy burdens? Is it in the public interest to consider low-income customers as a separate class?

- b. Are formal processes and informal practices of contested proceedings like this in line with the state of Oregon’s commitment to environmental justice, especially its procedural justice requirements? Can proceedings be made more accessible for various affected communities?

**b. Estimated Eligible Expenses**

Benedikt Springer, PhD (Utility Policy Analyst)	Rate	Hours	Cost
Participate in Meetings	\$ 175	20	\$3,500
Research and Analysis	\$ 175	20	\$3,500
Drafting Testimony	\$ 175	20	\$3,500
Reserve for Consulting	?	?	\$1,000
TOTAL		60	\$11,500

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.




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