

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON
UM 2165**

In the Matter of)	
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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF)	
OREGON,)	OREGON CITIZENS' UTILITY
)	BOARD'S MOTION TO DESIGNATE
Investigation of Transportation Electrification)	AS ELIGIBLE FOR ISSUE FUNDS
Investment Framework.)	
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Pursuant to Section 1(c)(v) of the Fourth Amended Intervenor Funding Agreement (“IFA”), approved on January 17, 2018 by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) in Order No. 18-017, and the Chief Administrative Law Judge’s February 12, 2018 Ruling in Docket No. UM 1909, the Oregon Citizens’ Utility Board (“CUB”) files this motion to designate the above-referenced docket as eligible for an Issue Fund Grant.

Section 1(c)(v) of the IFA defines “Eligible Proceeding for Issue Funds” as, among others, a 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 fact or law.” This investigation will examine the Transportation Electrification (TE) Investment Framework of Portland General Electric (“PGE”) and PacifiCorp. Both PGE and PacifiCorp are “Participating Utilities” in the IFA.¹

¹ IFA § 1(n).

This investigation will examine whether a change in regulatory policy is necessary to alter the framework through which the Commission currently examines utility TE investments. Among many other issues, this investigation will examine novel questions of fact in regards to the level of benefits accrued by all customers as a result of increased load due to electric vehicle charging. This investigation will examine new policy issues, including, but not limited to, the proper role for utility investments in the TE space. Because this investigation was initiated to determine pathways for compliance with Governor Brown’s E.O. 20-04 and the TE goals in SB 1044, it will address novel issues of law as well. Further, since the investment frameworks discussed in this proceeding will affect customer rates and alter utility service, it is likely to have a significant impact on both rates and utility service.

Therefore, for the foregoing reasons, CUB respectfully moves the Commission to designate this proceeding as an “Eligible Proceeding for Issue Funds” under the IFA. CUB believes this proceeding meets the criteria delineated in IFA § 1(c)(v).

Dated this 28th day of May, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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