BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 2389

In the matter of PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON, Report on Justice Funding Precertification.	REPORT ON HB 2475 INTERVENOR FUNDING PRE-CERTIFICATION FOR COMMUNITY ENERGY PROJECT

Community Energy Project hereby submits its report on HB 2475 Intervenor Funding Pre-Certification.

Community Energy Project (CEP) is a 501(c)(3) community-based organization that represents Oregon's frontline communities, who are vulnerable to the uncertainty posed by climate change. Our mission is to partner with low-income communities on the frontlines of climate change to create more resilient, efficient, and healthy homes. We transform homes, share skills and community wisdom, and advocate for energy justice.

This reporting period is from January 2026 to October 31, 2026 and includes a description of planned activity through November 1- December 31, 2026.

As listed in our application, CEP has been involved and intends to be involved in the following dockets listed below. General goals and activities have been listed under each docket that CEP has engaged in so far, along with anticipated goals and activity through the end of the funding year.

<u>UM 2211 - Implementation of HB 2475</u>

In these proceedings, CEP has and will continue to provide feedback on bill discount and arrearage program eligibility, enrollment, verification, level of relief, outreach, engagement, and timeline to ensure that these programs adequately address the energy burden faced by low-income and underserved communities. We will also continue to work with utilities on outreach regarding customer protections against disconnection during extreme weather events.

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Community Energy Project has:

- Participated in PGE's Equity Advisory Council and Pacific Power's EJA meetings
- Participated in Avista and NWN's energy affordability program updates
- Participated in utility arrearage management and forgiveness program development for all utilities
- Participated in UM 2211 weekly meetings with EJ advocates and staff
- Hosted workshops for community organizations and leaders on utility customer rights. The goal was to inform participants with up-to-date information on disconnection protections and the newly strengthened arrearage management and forgiveness programs we helped develop, so they can share this knowledge with their communities.

Community Energy Project plans to (for the rest of the funding year):

- Participate in stakeholder engagement to examine outstanding issues such as differential rate design, weatherization, energy efficiency, marketing and outreach, etc.
- Monitor all relevant dockets within UM2211 related to each utility's disconnection numbers for non payment and enrollment numbers for bill discount programs for each utility.
- Continue to participate in Avista's Equity Advisory Group and PGE and Pacific Power CBIAG meetings.

<u>Rate Cases</u>

CEP monitors and reviews any upcoming rate case filings and determines whether intervention is needed by CEP. CEP also intends to be involved in environmental justice workshops that run in tandem to these rate cases if it is unable to intervene, and in any issues that grow out of these proceedings.

Community Energy Project has:

- Participated in UE 470: PAC Rate Case EJ workshop
- Provided written comments for UE 470
- Participated in UG 525 Cascade's EJ workshop
- Drafted and submitted preliminary questions for Staff to include in UG 525 EJ workshop

<u>ETO 1 - Energy Trust of Oregon Multiyear plan</u>

Community Energy Project has:

- Monitored Energy Trust's update to the definition of low and moderate income for renewables public purpose charge funding.
- Submitted comments and had discussions with Staff regarding lack of clarity and long-term planning for temporary accommodations affecting certain households, and the potential for unintended consequences if certain inequities are left unaddressed.

Community Energy Project plans to (for the rest of the funding year):

- Monitor this docket for any updates.

Energy Trust of Oregon - Conservation Advisory Council

CEP also serves on ETO's Conservation Advisory Council, where we review and discuss selected energy efficiency and renewable energy issues, and follow ETO's implementation of OPUC policy.

NWN IRP

CEP attended advocates meetings and submitted 2 sets of comments about barriers to equity and public participation. We highlighted best practices as well as efficiently utilizing their community advisory groups to get direct feedback from the communities they are serving. We will continue to monitor this docket and engage as relevant.

Community Engagement

CEP regularly engages with community members to better advocate for their needs in front of the PUC. CEP brings a very important perspective through its direct in-home work with clients, workshops and listening sessions for community members.

- CEP has conducted 2 listening sessions this year on wildfire and microgrid resilience. The sessions focused on how solutions like microgrids and other localized energy systems can operate independently from the main grid and help communities maintain power during outages, improve emergency responses, and reduce wildfire impacts. Participants were interested to see new and creative ways to build resilience through community owned microgrids as well as through local initiatives like home hardening.
- CEP along with other advocates has hosted four workshops with the aim to educate utility customers on disconnection protections and energy assistance programs, and to train other CBOs on how to distribute this information to their clients
- CEP has also compiled feedback from community listening sessions into reports.
  Listening Session Reports

General PUC Planning

Community Energy Project spends time planning future ways to advocate within the PUC beyond specific dockets already in motion. Examples of arenas and topics include:

- Interconnection and small-scale/ community owned solar - interconnection creates large, expensive bottlenecks in the development of community-owned solar, as shown in the Oregon Community Solar Program.
- PGE, PAC and NWN IRPs and CEPs, and Community Based Renewable Energy

The Budget Showing Estimations and Spending

Attachment A and Attachment B submitted herewith set for the estimated fees and costs. Attachment C shows spending from January 2026 to October 31st, 2026. CEP plans to utilize the remainder of the intervenor funds by the end of the funding period.

Dated November 16, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment A			
Community Energy Project Proposed Budget			
Employee	**Billable Rate**	**Hours**	**Cost**
Executive Director	$245	10	$2,450
Advocacy Director	$185	40	$7,400
Climate Justice Associate	$155	200	$30,967
Policy and Advocacy Manager	$125	200	$25,000
Subtotal			$65,817
Outreach (Community Listening Sessions 2 at $2000 per)			$3,000
Total			**$68,817**

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	Attachment B					
	Community Energy Project Proposed Budget by Utility					
	By Utility					
	PGE		**PacifiCorp**		**NWN**	
Employee	**Hours**	**Cost**	**Hours**	**Cost**	**Hours**	**Cost**
Executive Director	4	$980	3	$735	3	$735
Advocacy Director	14	$2,590	13	$2,405	13	$2,405
Climate Justice Associate	71	$11,106	66	$10,233	63	$9,628
Policy and Advocacy Manager	71	$8,875	66	$8,250	63	$7,875
Community Listening Sessions		$1,000		$1,000		$1,000
Subtotal		**$24,551**		**$22,623**		**$21,643**
Total						**$68,817**

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	Attachment C					
	Community Energy Project Actual Spending by Utility					
	By Utility					
	PGE		**PacifiCorp**		**NWN**	
Employee	**Hours**	**Cost**	**Hours**	**Cost**	**Hours**	**Cost**
Executive Director	3	$735	3	$735	3	$735
Advocacy Director	13	$2,405	12	$2,220	12	$2,220
Climate Justice Associate	70	$10,850	65	$10,075	61	$9,455
Policy and Advocacy Manager	70	$8,750	64	$8,000	60	$7,500
Community Listening Sessions		300		300		300
Subtotal		**$23,040**		**$21,330**		**$20,210**
Total						**$64,580**
Budget		$24,551		$22,623		$21,643
Remaining to Spend Nov - Dec		$1,511		$1,293		$1,433

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