

**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 ENERGY PROJECT'S
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST
JUSTICE FUNDING CASE FUND GRANT

Pursuant to HB 2475 (ORS 757.072), OAR 860-001-0800, and the Justice Funding Agreement (Agreement) adopted by the Public Utility Commission (Commission) in UM 2211 by Order 23-033 (February 7, 2023), Community Energy Project (CEP) files this Notice of Intent to Request Justice Funding Case Fund Grant in this matter.

Pursuant to Article 6 of the Agreement, setting forth the criteria for eligibility for case fund grants, this application, (a) demonstrates that CEP meets the eligibility criteria set forth Section 6.1; and (b) demonstrates that this matter is an Eligible Proceedings as set forth in Section 6.2.

UE 416 Is an Eligible Proceeding

Portland General Electric (PGE) filed a Request for a General Rate Revision which is the subject of this docket, UE 416. UE 416 is an Eligible Proceeding for Case Funds because it is a “contested case proceeding (*e.g.* rate cases) listed in section 6.2 and it is not a complaint

proceeding.

CEP is an Eligible Organization.

CEP represents low-income residential customers (low-income customers) or Environmental Justice Communities (EJ community) and that CEP's participation will be primarily directed toward issues affecting those interests. CEP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and has been found Eligible by the Commission under HB 2475 in Order 22-043 and in numerous orders granting funding pursuant to the Interim Funding Agreement (HB 2475) approved in that Order. The Findings in that Order remain valid:

CEP is a 501 (c)(3) community based organization that believes everyone deserves a safe, healthy and efficient home, regardless of income. CEP achieves this by providing direct in-home safety repairs, weatherization, and energy efficiency upgrades for vulnerable and underserved populations. CEP clients include seniors, people with disabilities, women, people experiencing low income, people of color, and other historically marginalized groups. CEP's work is centered in effective community engagement and includes education and training. On a three-year average, 68% of CEP clients are people of color, 95% are low-income and 74% are women. All clients have disproportionately high safety and energy bill burdens, which compromise their ability to remain housed. CEP primarily and historically serves Multnomah County, but will soon be working in Clackamas County and has a strategic goal to expand geographically. CEP programming has helped thousands of households live more comfortably and use less energy as a result of the education and services provided.

Order 22-043, Appendix A p. 9.

CEP represents low income customers and environmental justice communities in PGE's service area and has effectively represented them in numerous proceedings since 2018, including: UM 1930, Community Solar Program Implementation; UM 2005 - Investigation into Distribution System Planning (DSP); UM 2114 - Investigation into the Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Utility Customers; UM Docket 2178 - Natural Gas Fact Finding per Executive Order 20-04; UM 2211 - Implementation of HB 2475; UG 435 - NW Natural Rate Revision;

UE 399 - PacifiCorp Request for a General Rate Revision; UM 2225 - HB 2021 Investigation into Clean Energy Plans; and UM 1158 - Equity Metrics for Energy Trust of Oregon (HB 3141).

CEP will continue to develop advocacy positions benefitting these communities: 1) through CEP's day to day interaction with its clients, while administering its projects which provide direct in-home safety repairs, weatherization, and energy efficiency upgrades; 2) through its ongoing surveys and focus groups.

CEP's request for case certification and participation in this docket will not unreasonably delay the proceedings. No party has objected to CEP's notice of its intention to seek intervention.

CEP will designate PGE's Case Fund for this grant and will file a budget and request for case funds upon the Commission's order deeming CEP and UE 416 Eligible.

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