

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

DOCKETS UE-220066 and
UG-220067 (*Consolidated*)

FRONT AND CENTERED
REQUEST FOR CASE CERTIFICATION AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST A FUND
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1. Front and Centered Submits this Notice and Request

Pursuant to RCW 80.28.430, and the Washington Interim Participatory Funding Agreement (“Funding Agreement”) approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“Commission”), Front and Centered hereby submits this Request for Case Certification and Notice of Intent to Request a Fund Grant (“Notice and Request”) in the above-mentioned dockets.

2. Front and Centered Intends to Request Grant Funds

Pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Funding Agreement, Front and Centered provides this Notice of Intent to Request a Fund Grant from the Prioritized Organizations Sub-Fund of the Customer Access Fund for Puget Sound Energy (PSE). This Notice and Request is being filed and served on the parties of record.

3. This is an Eligible Proceeding

PSE is designated as a “Participating Public Utility” in Article 1(g) of the Funding Agreement. PSE’s general rate case (GRC) constitutes an “Eligible Proceeding” under Article 1(c). PSE’s GRC will materially affect the public interest and the proposed substantial rate increases will directly impact the most vulnerable customers.

4. Front and Centered is Requesting Case Certification

Front and Centered requests case-certification in this matter as a Prioritized Organization pursuant to section 5.2.2 and 6.2 of the Funding Agreement. Front and Centered meets the criteria for this designation. Front and Centered is a non-profit organization structured as a climate justice coalition of over seventy organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous, and other communities of color in Washington. BIPOC, frontline, and low income people experience the harmful impacts of the climate crisis and deeply embedded inequities in systems of power at a disproportionately higher rate than White and higher wealth people.

The Legislature, the Commission, and key public and private stakeholders agree that it is necessary as a matter of equity to increase transparency, inclusion and the participation of highly-impacted communities and vulnerable populations in processes that will substantially impact their lives. The interest of these communities in equitable access to affordable, reliable and just energy, and their right to be protected from the harms and burdens of an extractive energy system in transition, are critical concerns that Front and Centered is prepared and competent to elevate in this proceeding.

5. Front and Centered will not Delay the Case

Front and Centered is aware of the proceeding schedule as laid out in Order 3, and our participation will cause no undue delay.

6. For these reasons, Front and Centered respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Request for Case Certification and accept its Notice of Intent to Request a Fund Grant.

Dated this 14th day of March, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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