BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

DOCKET NO. UE-210829

v.

PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFICORP POWER & LIGHT COMPANY,

Respondent.

NW ENERGY COALITION'S REQUEST FOR PAYMENT

- Pursuant to RCW 80.28.430 and Article 7.1 of the Washington Participatory Funding Agreement ("Funding Agreement") approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission") in Order 03 in Docket UE-210595, the NW Energy Coalition ("NWEC") hereby requests final payment from the Customer Representation Sub- Fund of the Customer Access Fund for PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company ("PacifiCorp" or "Company") in the amount of \$14,999.58.
- On November 1, 2023, PacifiCorp filed a 2024-2025 Biennial Clean Energy Implementation
 Plan Update (the "Biennial Update"). The Commission granted NWEC's petition to intervene on
 May 18, 2023, in Order 03.
- On May 25, 2023, as required by Article 5.2 of the Funding Agreement, NWEC filed its Request for Case Certification and Notice of Intent to Request a Fund Grant, which was also served on PacifiCorp and all parties of record in this proceeding. In that filing, NWEC identified PacifiCorp's Customer Representation Sub-Fund as the account from which NWEC intended to

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Western Environmental Law Center 103 Reeder's Alley Helena, MT 59601 Tel: 406-430-3023/406-708-3058 hornbein@westernlaw.org chillcott@westernlaw.org request a Fund Grant. The Commission granted NWEC's case certification in this matter on June 5, 2023, by Order 04, finding that NWEC demonstrated it is a non-profit organization that represents broad customer interest, and that the term "broad customer interests" should not be limited to organizations representing larger groups of customers. The Commission specifically agreed with NWEC's comments that an organization representing specific customers may implicate broader public interests, that NWEC demonstrates that it can effectively represent the particular customers it seeks to represent, and that NWEC routinely appears before the Commission.¹

- On June 9, 2023, NWEC filed its Proposed Budget, requesting a fund grant from PacifiCorp's Customer Representation Sub-Fund in the amount of \$15,000 to partially offset the costs of its participation. The amount requested included \$3,000 for eligible expenses in 2022 and \$12,000 for eligible expenses in 2023, reflecting the time of its Policy Director and a Senior Policy Associate. NWEC did not request any fees for outside counsel during the first phase of the proceeding. The Commission approved NWEC's proposed budget for the first phase of this proceeding by Order 05 on June 22, 2023.
- On March 25, 2024, by Order 09, the Commission suspended this matter and set it for adjudication. On May 3, 2024, by Order 11, the Commission established a deadline for those parties granted or requesting case certification to seek funding to file their proposed budgets for the adjudicatory phase of this proceeding.

¹ Docket UE-210829, Order 04, ¶ 22.

- On May 23, 2024, NWEC filed its Proposed Phase 2 Budget, in which it did not seek additional funds but sought approval to shift funds from its approved 2023 budget to its proposed 2024 budget and to reallocate those funds from staffing to outside legal counsel fees. On June 4, 2024,
- by Order 14, the Commission granted NWEC's proposed budget and request to reallocate funds.
- 7 On May 19, 2025 the Commission issued Order 16, rejecting PacifiCorp's CEIP and ordering
 - PacifiCorp to propose new interim targets in its CEIP. Section 7.1 of the Funding Agreement
 - provides: "A Request for Payment for Consumer Access Fund grant may be made once the
 - Participating Organization has finalized its Eligible Expenses, but no later than 60 days after the
 - Commission's final order issued in the Eligible Proceeding has become final and non-appealable
 - "Pursuant to RCW 34.05.542, Order 16 was final and non-appealable on June 18, 2025.
- 8 At this time, NWEC requests that the Commission authorize final payment of NWEC's approved
 - Sub-Fund Grant in Docket UE-210829 in the amount of \$14,999.58 from PacifiCorp's Customer
 - Representation Sub-Fund.
- 9 This Request for Payment satisfies the requirements in Article 7.1 of the Funding Agreement as
 - follows:

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- (a) The itemization of expenses, payees, and hourly rates, including billing details
 - and separately identified amounts for consultant or expert witness fees and travel
 - expenses. This is attached as confidential Exhibit A.
- (b) Demonstration that the expenses are reasonable and directly attributable to

issues and positions pursued on behalf of customers consistent with the

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intervenor's proposed budget. NWEC has been an active participant in this

proceeding. NWEC reviewed the filings in this proceeding, conducted discovery,

participated in settlement discussions, filed testimony, participated in the evidentiary hearing, filed briefs, and reviewed briefs filed in the case. NWEC raised important issues in this proceeding regarding energy equity and provided specific recommendations for PacifiCorp to set minimum designations for each of its distributed energy resource program offerings for Named Communities.² The Commission cited NWEC's witness Thompson's testimony in its Final Order and used NWEC's positions to inform its final decisions in this proceeding. The expenses included in Confidential Exhibit A are reasonable and directly attributable to NWEC's participation in Docket UE-210829.

- (c) Providing information sufficient to show that the Participating Organization has complied with any condition or requirement of the Fund Grant. As set forth in this Request for Payment and Confidential Exhibit A, NWEC has provided information sufficient to demonstrate that NWEC has complied with all conditions and requirements of its approved Sub-Fund Grant.
- (d) Specifying whether the request for payments is for interim funding or final payment in full and indicate whether any approved budget amount may be released back to the applicable Sub-Fund. This Request for Payment constitutes a Request for Final Payment for \$15,000 of NWEC's approved budget in this proceeding.

² See Response Testimony of Charlee Thompson (Exh. CT-1T) and Cross-Answering Testimony of Charlee Thompson (Exh. CT-3T), filed on behalf of NWEC in this proceeding.

NWEC has satisfied all other terms of the Funding Agreement and respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Request for Final Payment in the amount of \$14,999.58 from the Customer Representation Sub-Fund within 30 days of receiving this Request for Final Payment, as provided in Article 7.6 of the Funding Agreement.

Checks should be made payable to:

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Dated this 15th day of August, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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