

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

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

Respondent.

DOCKET UE-230172

THE ENERGY PROJECT PROPOSED
BUDGET

1 Pursuant to RCW 80.28.430, the Washington Extended Interim Participatory Funding Agreement (Funding Agreement) approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission),¹ The Energy Project (TEP) respectfully submits its Proposed Budget for this matter, pursuant to Section 6.3 of the Funding Agreement.

Statement of Work for Which Funding is Sought

2 The Energy Project intends to request a Fund Grant to partially offset the expense of expert consulting services to address performance-based ratemaking issues, including performance measures, as well as other issues affecting low-income and vulnerable customers. In all areas, TEP's emphasis will be on the low-income and vulnerable customer impacts of PacifiCorp's proposals in this docket. Additionally, The Energy Project intends to request a Fund Grant to partially offset the expense of retaining counsel to represent TEP in this docket.

General Areas To Be Investigated

3 TEP is investigating or may investigate all matters which have an impact on PacifiCorp's low-income and vulnerable customers, including but not limited to the multiyear rate plan, low-income assistance program funding and design, low-income weatherization, billing, credit and

¹ Docket U-210595, Order 02 (February 9, 2023).

collection issues, arrearage management, COVID-19 impacts and costs, performance based regulation and performance measures, cost of service, rate spread, rate design, decoupling, renewables, electric vehicles, and distributed generation, and information technology programs. The Energy Project reserves the right to investigate and address additional issues not stated here as the case progresses.

Specific Fund/Available Funds

4 As stated in its Request for Case Certification and Notice of Intent to Request Fund Grant, TEP intends to request a Fund Grant from the Customer Representation Sub-Fund of the Customer Access Fund for PacifiCorp.² Section 4.2 of the Funding Agreement provides a Customer Representation Sub-Fund of \$200,000 for all parties for all PacifiCorp proceedings in 2023. At this time, TEP does not have definitive information upon which to base an estimate of the amount of available funds in the account. TEP believes that the Alliance for Western Energy Consumers, NW Energy Coalition, and TEP intend to submit budgets for grants from PacifiCorp's 2023 Customer Representation Sub-Fund in this case and in PacifiCorp's Clean Energy Implementation Plan, Docket UE-210829. TEP is coordinating its request with the other case-certified parties as required under section 6.6 of the Funding Agreement.

Budget

5 As reflected in Exhibit A, TEP submits the following estimated budget for its requested Fund Grants in this matter is \$50,000. These amounts represent partial reimbursement of expense. The Energy Project projects that its total expert witness and attorney fees for this case will significantly exceed the amounts stated.

² See Funding Agreements § 4.2.

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EXHIBIT A

The Energy Project's Calendar Year 2023 Proposed Budget for UE-230172

Personnel	Estimate of Hours	Rate	Cost
<i>Attorney Fees</i> ³			
Attorney	200	\$230-330	\$40,000
<i>Expert Consultant/Witness Fees</i>			
Experts	80	\$240-335	\$10,000
		Total Request	\$50,000

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³ Attorney fees do not represent Shute, Mihaly, and Weinberger LLP's market rates. In support of The Energy Project's representation of vulnerable populations and low-income customers, and the firm's commitment to equity, Shute, Mihaly, and Weinberger LLP represents The Energy Project at discounted rates.