

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC POWER &
LIGHT COMPANY

Respondent.

DOCKETS UE-230172 and
UE-210852 (*Consolidated*)

NW ENERGY COALITION
PROPOSED BUDGET

1. Pursuant to RCW 80.28.430 and the Washington Extended Interim Participatory Funding Agreement (“Funding Agreement”) approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (the “Commission”),¹ NW Energy Coalition (“NVEC”) hereby submits its Proposed Budget for this matter.

I. PROPOSED BUDGET

A. Statement of Work

2. NVEC hereby requests a Fund Grant to partially offset the expense of expert consulting services to address PacifiCorp’s proposals: 1) to eliminate its decoupling mechanism; 2) to switch from net metering to net billing; 3) to eliminate the inclining tier block structure and replace it with seasonal energy charges; 4) to the increase the basic charge for certain customers; and 5) address other issues that may arise or be identified in the proceeding. NVEC also requests a Fund Grant to offset the expense of retaining counsel to represent NVEC on all matters related to its participation in this docket, and to partially cover apportioned wages for in-house staff directly related to NVEC’s participation in the proceeding. All services provided to NVEC by all contractors in this proceeding are being retained at a reduced rate, and the Fund Grant request does not cover the entire cost of NVEC’s participation in this proceeding.

¹ *In re Petition for Approval of an Interim Participatory Funding Agreement Pursuant to RCW 80.28.430*, Docket No. U-210595, Order 02 (Feb. 9, 2023).

B. General Areas to Be Investigated

3. As stated in NWECE’s Petition to Intervene, NWECE’s interests in this case include, but are not limited to: 1) PacifiCorp’s performance related to implementation of Washington climate and clean energy policies; 2) PacifiCorp’s performance metrics and other Senate Bill 5295 implementation issues; 3) issues related to customer-side resources, distribution system investment, energy efficiency assistance, and other affordability issues for low- and moderate-income customers; and 4) PacifiCorp’s proposals to eliminate its decoupling mechanism, to switch from net metering to net billing, to eliminate the inclining tier block structure and replace it with seasonal energy charges, and to increase the basic charge for certain customers. NWECE continues to review the multi-year rate plan filing, conduct discovery, and may address other issues not stated here.

C. Specific Fund/Available Funds

4. As stated in its Request for Case Certification and Notice of Intent to Request Fund Grant, NWECE requests a Fund Grant from the Customer Representation Sub-Fund of the Customer Access Fund for PacifiCorp. Section 4.2 of the Funding Agreement provides for a Customer Representation Sub-Fund of \$200,000 for all parties for all PacifiCorp proceedings in 2022.² NWECE has also requested a fund grant in Docket UE-210829, PacifiCorp’s Clean Energy Implementation Plan. At this time, NWECE does not foresee requesting a Fund Grant for any other PacifiCorp proceedings in 2023.

D. Proposed Budget

5. As reflected in Exhibit A, attached hereto, NWECE submits the following estimated budget for its requested Fund Grants in this matter:

Estimated Expert Consultant/Expert Witness(es):	\$10,000
Estimated Staff Participation Costs:	\$25,200
Estimated Attorney Fees:	\$13,000
Total:	\$48,200

² See Funding Agreement § 4.2.

6. Estimates for contracted services represent discounted rates for services to NWECC, and do not represent the full market value of these services. Requested amounts also do not include the full cost for NWECC staff to participate in the case and serve as witnesses on issues in which they themselves have expertise.

II. CONCLUSION

15. For the foregoing reasons, the Commission should accept NWECC's proposed budget.
Dated this 16th day of June 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

NW Energy Coalition Proposed Budget for Issue Fund Grant

Personnel	Hours	Rate	Cost
<i>Attorney Fees</i> ¹			\$13,000
<i>Staff</i>			
Policy Director	175 (approx.)	\$62	\$10,850
Regulatory Counsel	60 (approx.)	\$62	\$4,030
Senior Policy Associate	215 (approx.)	\$48	\$10,320
<i>Expert Witness Fees</i> ²			
Expert 1			\$10,000
<i>Other Expenses</i>			
Travel			\$0
Printing and Postage			\$0
Total NWECC Request			\$48,200

¹ Legal services in this proceeding are retained by NWECC at a reduced rate, and the final rate will be contingent upon total hours worked.

² Expert witness and consultant advisory services in this proceeding are retained by NWECC at a reduced rate.