

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

DOCKETS UE-220066 and
UG-220067

REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF FUND
GRANT OF THE ENERGY PROJECT

- 1 Pursuant to the Washington Extended Interim Participatory Funding Agreement (Funding Agreement),¹ approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) in Docket No. U-210595, and Order 31/17 Approving Proposed Budgets and Fund Grants Part in Dockets UE-220066 and UG-220067, The Energy Project (TEP) respectfully requests payment totaling \$30,000 from the 2023 Customer Representation Sub-Fund for Puget Sound Energy (PSE).² In support of this request, TEP states the following:
- 2 On December 22, 2022, the Commission entered Final Order 24/10, Rejecting Tariff Sheets; Approving Settlements, with Conditions; Authorizing and Requiring Compliance Filing (Final Order 24/10). By this Order, the Commission approved three partial multi-party settlements that, considered together, resolved all of the outstanding issues in the general rate case filed by Puget Sound Energy (PSE).
- 3 On August 10, 2023, PSE filed a Petition to Amend Final Order, initiating the current phase of this proceeding.
- 4 On October 30, 2023, the Commission entered Order 30/16, Granting Requests for Case Certification.
- 5 On April 4, 2024, the Commission issued Order 31/17 Approving Proposed Budgets and Fund Grants, which approved TEP's proposed Budget and Fund Grant in the amount of \$30,000.

¹ Docket U-210595, Order 02 Approving Agreement Subject to Condition; Requiring Refiling of Modified Agreement (February 9, 2023).

² See Funding Agreement § 4.2; Order 05 Approving Proposed Budgets and Fund Grants, ¶¶ 15-17 (June 30, 2023).

6 On May 16, 2024 the Commission issued Order 32/18 Granting Petition to Amend Final Order
24/10, Subject to Condition.

7 TEP respectfully submits that this request for payment satisfies the requirement of the Funding
Agreement Section 7.1 as follows:

- a. Section 7.1(a). The itemized expenses, payees and hourly rates for amounts to be reimbursed, including billing details, and including separately identified amounts for attorney fees and travel expenses are attached as Confidential Exhibit A. TEP does not include any fees for its consultants or apportioned wages for in-house staff related to participation in this phase of the proceeding.
- b. Section 7.1(b). TEP was a full and active participant in this docket and the expenses are reasonable and directly attributable to issues and positions pursued on behalf of low-income customers and vulnerable populations. As the only party focusing solely on the interests of low-income customers in this proceeding, TEP provided a response, participated in settlement conferences, participated in a prehearing conference, submitted testimony, and attended the evidentiary hearing. The expenses included in Confidential Attachment A are Eligible Expenses as defined in Funding Agreement Section 7.3 and are reasonable and directly attributable to TEP's participation in this proceeding on behalf of low-income customers and vulnerable populations.
- c. Section 7.1(c). As set forth in this request for payment, TEP has provided information sufficient to demonstrate that TEP complied with all conditions and requirements of its Approved Fund Grant.
- d. Section 7.1(d). This request is a final request for payment under the Approved Fund Grant for the full amount of the Approved Fund Grant.
- e. Section 7.3. All of the expenses included in Confidential Attachment A are Eligible Expenses as defined in Section 7.3 of the Funding Agreement.

8 Upon approval of this request for payment by the Commission, please send payment to TEP as follows:

The Energy Project

Washington State Community Action Partnership

PO Box 7130, Olympia, WA 98507

9 TEP has satisfied the terms of the Funding Agreement and respectfully requests that the Commission approve payment of TEP's Fund Grant in the amount of \$30,000 from Puget Sound Energy's Customer Representation Sub-Funds within 30 days of receiving this Request for Payment as provided in Section 7.6 of the Funding Agreement.

DATED: June 5, 2024

By: /s/ Yochanan Zakai

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