

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of

PUGET SOUND ENERGY

Clean Energy Implementation Plan

DOCKET UE-210795

THE ENERGY PROJECT  
PROPOSED BUDGET

1. The Energy Project (TEP) filed a Request for Case Certification and Notice of Intent to Request a Fund Grant in this docket on June 3, 2022. The Commission granted TEP's request for Case Certification in Order 05 on June 16, 2022.

2. Pursuant to RCW 80.28.430 and the Washington Interim Participatory Funding Agreement (Funding Agreement) approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission),<sup>1</sup> TEP now hereby submits its Proposed Budget for this matter, pursuant to Section 6.3 of the Funding Agreement. The Proposed Budget is submitted on or before the deadline established in the case schedule adopted in Order 04.

**Statement of Work for Which Funding is Sought**

3. The Energy Project intends to request a Fund Grant to partially offset the expense of expert consulting services to address the PSE Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) and testimony to be filed in this docket with an emphasis on the low-income and vulnerable customer impacts of PSE's proposals, including but not limited to Customer Benefit Indicators (CBIs) and metrics which PSE is required to propose pursuant to WAC 480-100-640(4).

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<sup>1</sup> Docket U-210595, Order 01 (February 24, 2022).

4. The Energy Project also intends to request a Fund Grant to partially offset the expense of retaining counsel to represent The Energy Project on all matters related to its participation in this docket (see “General Areas To Be Investigated”).

**General Areas To Be Investigated**

5. Based on its review of PSE’s filing to date, TEP is investigating or may investigate all matters in PSE’s CEIP which have an impact on PSE’s low-income and vulnerable customers, including but not limited to the matters addressed in the comments previously filed by TEP in this docket.<sup>2</sup> Matters of interest to TEP include CBIs and metrics addressing reduction of costs and burdens, energy security, risk reduction, resilience, and energy benefits, as well as PSE distributed energy program proposals.

6. The Energy Project is still reviewing the PSE filing and reserves the right to investigate and address additional issues not stated here as the case progresses, including any issues raised by the PSE testimony to be filed on July 11, 2022.

**Specific Fund/Available Funds**

7. 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 Puget Sound Energy (PSE).<sup>3</sup>

8. Section 4.2 of the Funding Agreement provides for a Customer Representation Sub-Fund of \$200,000 for all parties for all Puget Sound Energy proceedings in 2022. It is TEP’s understanding that, subsequent to the approval of proposed budgets in the 2022 PSE General

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<sup>2</sup> See e.g., Comments of The Energy Project Regarding Final PSE Clean Energy Implementation Plan, March 2, 2022.

<sup>3</sup> See Funding Agreement § 4.2.

Rate Case,<sup>4</sup> approximately \$35,000 currently remains available in the Customer Representation Sub-Fund for PSE dockets. Two parties, TEP and the Northwest Energy Coalition, have filed Notices of Intent to Request A Fund Grant in this docket.

Budget

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

Estimated Expert Consultant/Expert Witness(es): \$5,000

Estimated Attorney Fees: \$5,000

10. 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.

Conclusion

11. For the reasons set forth in this filing, The Energy Project respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Proposed Budget for this matter.

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<sup>4</sup> *Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission v. Puget Sound Energy*, Dockets UE-220066/UG-220067/UG-210918, Order 16/02, ¶¶ 53-59 (May 26, 2022).