

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC.

2021 Clean Energy Implementation Plan

DOCKET NO. UE-210795

**NW ENERGY COALITION
PROPOSED BUDGET**

Pursuant to RCW 80.28.430, the Washington Interim Participatory Funding Agreement (“Funding Agreement”) approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (the “Commission”),¹ and Order 05 in this docket, NW Energy Coalition (“NWEC”) hereby submits its Proposed Budget for this matter.

I. PROPOSED BUDGET

A. Statement of Work

NWEC hereby requests a Fund Grant to partially cover apportioned wages for in-house staff directly related to NWEC’s participation in this proceeding. NWEC staff will sponsor testimony addressing various aspects of Puget Sound Energy’s CEIP, including but not limited to Puget Sound Energy’s compliance with Washington state clean energy and equity law and policy – especially the Washington Clean Energy Transformation Act (Chapter 19.405 RCW). The Fund Grant request does not cover the entire cost of NWEC’s participation in this proceeding.

B. General Areas to Be Investigated

As stated in NWEC’s Petition to Intervene, NWEC’s interests in this case include, but are not limited to, PSE’s compliance with Washington’s clean energy and equity laws and policies, and issues related to PSE’s clean energy targets and associated analysis, customer-side resources, distribution system investment, energy efficiency assistance, and issues surrounding the equitable distribution of benefits. NWEC continues to review the CEIP, and conduct discovery, and may address other issues not stated here.

¹ Docket U-210595, Order 01 (February 24, 2022).

C. Specific Fund/Available Funds

As stated in its Request for Case Certification and Notice of Intent to Request Fund Grant, NWEC requests a Fund Grant from the Customer Representation Sub-Fund of the Customer Access Fund for Puget Sound Energy.² Section 4.2 of the Funding Agreement provides for a Customer Representation Fund of \$200,000 for all parties for all Puget Sound Energy proceedings in 2022. At this time, NWEC does not foresee requesting a Fund Grant for any other Puget Sound Energy proceedings in 2022.

D. Proposed Budget

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

Estimated Staff Participation Costs:	\$15,000
Total:	\$15,000

Requested amounts also do not include the full cost for NWEC staff to participate in the case and serve as witnesses on issues in which they themselves have expertise. While NWEC intends to sponsor several expert witnesses in the CEIP adjudication, NWEC is not requesting Fund Grant support for expert witness consultant costs. Additionally, NWEC is not requesting Fund Grant support for attorney fees or expenses.

II. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission should accept NWEC’s proposed budget.

Dated this 21st day of June, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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² See Funding Agreement § 4.2.

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