

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of

PACIFICORP D/B/A PACIFIC POWER &  
LIGHT COMPANY'S

Revised Clean Energy Implementation Plan

DOCKET UE-210829

THE ENERGY PROJECT  
PROPOSED BUDGET

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

**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 the scope and content of PacifiCorp's proposed customer benefit indicators, specific actions, 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.

3 The Energy Project intends to request a Fund Grant to partially offset the expense of retaining counsel and consultants to represent TEP in this docket.

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<sup>1</sup> Docket U-210595, Order 01 (February 24, 2022); Order 02 (February 9, 2023).

### **General Areas To Be Investigated**

4 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 PacifiCorp's proposed revisions to targets, customer benefit indicators, specific actions, as well as other issues affecting low-income and vulnerable customers. The Energy Project reserves the right to investigate and address additional issues not stated here as the case progresses.

### **Specific Fund/Available Funds**

5 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 2022 and 2023 Customer Representation Sub-Fund of the Customer Access Fund for PacifiCorp.<sup>2</sup> Section 4.2 of the Funding Agreements provide a Customer Representation Sub-Fund of \$200,000 for all parties for all PacifiCorp proceedings in 2022, and \$200,000 for 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 only budgets submitted for grants from PacifiCorp's 2022 Customer Representation Sub-Fund are in this proceeding, and that the Alliance for Western Energy Consumers, NW Energy Coalition, and TEP also intend to submit budgets for grants from PacifiCorp's 2023 Customer Representation Sub-Fund in PacifiCorp's General Rate Case, Docket UE-230172. TEP is coordinating its request with the other case-certified parties as required under section 6.6 of the Funding Agreement.

### **Budget**

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

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<sup>2</sup> See Funding Agreements § 4.2.

2022 Fund Grant: \$8,905

2023 Fund Grant: \$16,000

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.

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**EXHIBIT A**

**The Energy Project's Calendar Year 2022 Proposed Budget for UE-210829**

Personnel	Estimate of Hours	Rate	Cost
<i>Attorney Fees<sup>3</sup></i>			
Attorney	9.5	\$300	\$2,850
<i>Expert Consultant/Witness Fees</i>			
Experts	43.25	\$140	\$6,055
<b>Total Request</b>			<b>\$8,905</b>

**The Energy Project's Calendar Year 2023 Proposed Budget for UE-210829**

Personnel	Estimate of Hours	Rate	Cost
<i>Attorney Fees</i>			
Attorney	45	\$230-330	\$13,000
<i>Expert Consultant/Witness Fees</i>			
Experts	45	\$150-335	\$3,000
<b>Total Request</b>			<b>\$16,000</b>

This budget represents a 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.

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<sup>3</sup> 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.