

**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 & UE-210852  
(Consolidated)

NW ENERGY COALITION'S REQUEST  
OF FUND GRANT

1. Pursuant to Article 7.1 of the Washington Extended Interim Participatory Funding Agreement (“Funding Agreement”) approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“Commission”) in Order 02 in Docket U-210595, the NW Energy Coalition (“NWECC”) hereby requests final payment of NWECC’s PacifiCorp Customer Representation Sub-Fund Grant in the amount of \$20,045.
2. On April 19, 2023, PacifiCorp filed its request for a general rate revision. The Commission docketed this filing as UE-230172 (“Proceeding”).
3. On May 12, 2023, as required by Article 6.2 of the Funding Agreement, NWECC filed its Request for Case Certification and Notice of Intent to Request a Fund Grant, which was also served on PacifiCorp and all parties of record in the Proceeding. In that filing, NWECC identified the PacifiCorp Customer Representation Sub-Fund as the account from which NWECC intended to request a Fund Grant.
4. On May 25, 2023, the Commission granted NWECC’s Request for Case Certification, finding that NWECC demonstrated it is a non-profit organization that represents broad customer

interests,<sup>1</sup> that “it can effectively represent the particular customers it seeks to represent,”<sup>2</sup> and that “the public interest is served by NWECE’s participation.”<sup>3</sup>

5. On June 16, 2023, NWECE filed its Proposed Budget in this Proceeding, showing requested expenses of \$48,200 and seeking a PacifiCorp Customer Representation Sub-Fund Grant in the amount of \$48,200. The amount requested included estimates for contracted services at discounted rates and did not represent the full market value of these services. Additionally, the requested amount of \$48,200 did not include an estimate for the full cost for NWECE to participate in the Proceeding. The Commission issued Order 05 in the Proceeding on June 30, 2023, approving a PacifiCorp Customer Representation Sub-Fund Grant for NWECE in the amount of \$48,200.<sup>4</sup>

6. At this time, NWECE requests that the Commission authorize final payment of NWECE’s approved Sub-Fund Grant in Dockets UE-230172 and UE-210852 in the amount of \$20,045 from the 2023 PacifiCorp Customer Representation Sub-Fund. Pursuant to Article 7.1 of the Funding Agreement, a “Request for Payment for Customer Access Funds may be made may be made once the Participating Organization has finalized its Eligible Expenses, but no later than 60 days after the Commission’s final order issued in the Eligible Proceeding has become final and non-appealable.” As detailed in Confidential Exhibit A, attached hereto, NWECE has incurred Eligible Expenses below its approved budget in this Proceeding.

7. This Request for Payment satisfies the requirements of the Funding Agreement as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> Order 04 at ¶ 22 (May 25, 2023).

<sup>2</sup> Order 04 at ¶ 15.

<sup>3</sup> Order 04 at ¶ 15.

<sup>4</sup> Order 05 at ¶¶ 21-22 (June 30, 2023).

Article 7.1(a) – The itemization of expenses, payees, and hourly rates, including billing details and separately identified amounts for consultant or expert witness fees and travel expenses. This is attached as Confidential Exhibit A.

Article 7.1(b) – Demonstration that the expenses are reasonable and directly attributable to issues and positions pursued on behalf of customers consistent with intervenor’s proposed budget. NWEC has been an active participant in this Proceeding. NWEC reviewed the filings in this Proceeding, conducted discovery, participated in settlement discussions, filed testimony, participated in the evidentiary hearing, and reviewed the briefs filed in the case. NWEC raised several issues through this Proceeding such as the decoupling mechanism, residential rate design, Net Energy Metering, and Colstrip costs.<sup>5</sup> The expenses included in Confidential Exhibit A are reasonable and directly attributable to NWEC’s participation in Dockets UE-230172 and UE-210852.

Article 7.1(c) – Providing information sufficient to show that Participating Organization has complied with any condition or requirement of the Fund Grant. As set forth in this Request for Payment and Confidential Exhibit A, NWEC has provided information sufficient to demonstrate that NWEC has complied with all conditions and requirements of its approved Sub-Fund Grant.

Article 7.1(d) – Specifying whether the request for payment is for interim funding or final payment in full and indicate whether any approved budget amount may be released back to the applicable Sub-Fund. This Request for Payment constitutes a Request for Final Payment for \$20,045 of NWEC’s approved budget in this Proceeding.

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<sup>5</sup> See generally PacifiCorp, Staff, AWEC, TEP, NWEC, & Wal-mart Joint Testimony at 33-37 (Dec. 15, 2023).

8. Accordingly, NWECC has satisfied the terms of the Funding Agreement and respectfully requests that the Commission approve NWECC's Request for Final Payment in the amount of \$20,045 from the 2023 PacifiCorp Customer Representation Sub-Fund within 30 days of receiving this Request for Final Payment, as provided in Article 7.6 of the Funding Agreement.

Checks should be made payable to:

NW Energy Coalition

Payment should be sent to:

NW Energy Coalition  
c/o Kat Plimpton  
811 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. NE  
Seattle, WA 98104.

Dated this 5th day of June 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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