

BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET UE-210829
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	NW ENERGY COALITION’S PROPOSED
v.)	PHASE 2 BUDGET
)	
PACIFICORP D/B/A PACIFIC POWER &)	
LIGHT COMPANY,)	
)	
Respondent)	

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)¹, and Order 11 in this Docket, NW Energy Coalition (NVEC) respectfully submits its Proposed Budget for this phase of the proceeding, pursuant to Section 6.3 of the Funding Agreements. The Commission granted NVEC case certification in this matter on June 5, 2023, by Order 04, and approved NVEC’s proposed budget by Order 05 on June 22, 2023. The Commission, by Order 11, established a deadline for those parties granted or requesting case certification who intend to seek funding to file their proposed budgets for this phase of the proceeding.

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

Statement of work for which funding is sought

2 NWEC has retained the Western Environmental Law Center (WELC) as outside counsel to represent it in this phase of the proceeding and is seeking a 2024 Fund Grant to partially offset legal fees. NWEC will continue to dedicate staff time to adjudicate PacifiCorp’s Clean Energy Implementation Plan; including review of the Revised Clean Energy Implementation Plan; review, preparation, and filing of testimony and discovery; participation in settlement conferences; and participation at the hearing.

General areas to be investigated

3 NWEC intends to review the Revised Clean Energy Implementation Plan’s compliance with Commission rules and Orders in Docket UE-220376 (*Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. PacifiCorp, d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company*) and its consistency with the Commission’s guidance in Docket UE-210795 (*Puget Sound Energy’s Clean Energy Implementation Plan*). In particular, NWEC intends to review how the Plan’s proposed specific actions could impact issues related to renewable energy, customer-side resources, distribution system investment, energy efficiency, and affordability issues for low- and moderate-income customers, and how Pacific Power is prioritizing vulnerable populations and highly impacted communities.

Specific Funds / Available Funds

4 As stated in its May 25, 2023 Request for Case Certification and Notice of Intent to Request Fund Grant, and in its June 9, 2023 Proposed Budget NWEC requested a Fund Grant from the 2022 and 2023 Customer Representation Sub-Fund of the Customer Access Fund for PacifiCorp, which the Commission approved by Order 05, dated June 22, 2023. Section 4.2 of the Funding

Agreements provide a Customer Representation Sub-Fund of \$200,000 for all parties for all PacifiCorp proceedings in 2024. At this time, NWEC does not have definitive information upon which to base an estimate of the amount of available funds in the account. NWEC is coordinating its request with the other case-certified parties as required under section 6.6 of the Funding Agreement.

Proposed Budget

5 As reflected in Exhibit A, NWEC submits the following revised estimated budget for its previously approved requested 2023 Fund Grant in this matter, and an estimated budget for this phase of the proceeding from the 2024 Fund Grant. Through this revised budget, NWEC is not seeking additional funds, but is seeking to shift funds from its approved 2023 budget to its proposed 2024 budget and to reallocate those funds from staffing to legal fees, which are substantially below market rate.

2022 Fund Grant:	\$3,000
2023 Fund Grant:	\$12,000 \$7,000
2024 Fund Grant:	\$5,000

These amounts represent partial reimbursement of expenses for staff time and legal fees.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

NW Energy Coalition Approved Budget for Issue Fund Grant – 2022 Fund²

Personnel	Hours	Rate	Cost
<i>Attorney Fees³</i>			
<i>Staff</i>			
Policy Director	36.75	\$62	\$2,278.50
Senior Policy Associate	15.25	\$48	\$732
<i>Expert Witness Fees⁴</i>			
Expert 1			
Expert 2			
Senior Consultant			
Consultant			
<i>Other Expenses</i>			
Travel			\$0
Printing and Postage			\$0
Total NWECC Request			\$3,000⁵

² NWECC's 2022 Fund Grant request was approved by the Commission by Order 05, dated June 22, 2023.

³ NWECC did not retain legal services in this proceeding in 2022.

⁴ NWECC did not retain expert witness services in this proceeding in 2022.

⁵ This request is based on an estimate of NWECC staff time spent on this proceeding in 2022. This request does not cover the entire cost of NWECC's participation in this proceeding in 2022.

NW Energy Coalition Revised Proposed Budget for Issue Fund Grant – 2023 Fund⁶

Personnel	Hours	Rate	Cost
<i>Attorney Fees⁷</i>			
<i>Staff</i>			
Policy Director	100	\$62	\$6,000
	60		\$3,720
Senior Policy Associate	125	\$48	\$6,000
	68.33		\$3,280
<i>Expert Witness Fees⁸</i>			
Expert 1			
Expert 2			
Senior Consultant			
Consultant			
<i>Other Expenses</i>			
Travel			
Printing and Postage			
			\$12,000
Total NWEC Request			\$7,000 ⁹

⁶ NWEC’s initial 2023 Fund Grant request was approved by the Commission by Order 05, dated June 22, 2023.

⁷ NWEC did not retain legal services in this proceeding in 2023.

⁸ NWEC did retain expert witness services in this proceeding in 2023.

⁹ This request is based on an estimate of NWEC staff time spent on this proceeding in 2023. This request does not cover the entire estimated cost of NWEC’s participation in this proceeding in 2023.

NW Energy Coalition Proposed Budget for Issue Fund Grant – 2024 Fund

Personnel	Hours	Rate	Cost
<i>Attorney Fees</i>			
Senior Attorney 1	10	\$235	\$2,350
Senior Attorney 2	10	\$235	\$2,350
Law Clerk/Legal Assistant	3	\$100	\$300
<i>Staff^{d0}</i>			
<i>Expert Witness Fees¹¹</i>			
Expert 1			
Expert 2			
Senior Consultant			
Consultant			
<i>Other Expenses</i>			
Travel			
Printing and Postage			
Total NWECC Request			\$5,000¹²

¹⁰ NWECC does not plan to request additional funds for staff time in 2024.

¹¹ NWECC does not plan to retain expert witness services in this proceeding in 2024.

¹² This request is based on an estimate of outside counsel legal fees to be incurred on this proceeding in 2024. This request does not cover the entire estimated cost of NWECC's participation in this proceeding in 2024.