

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of)	DOCKET UE-210829
PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY,)	
2024-2025 Biennial Clean Energy Implementation Plan Update.)	PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER INTER- TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION
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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 the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) respectfully submits this Proposed Budget.²
2. On December 30, 2021, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp or Company) filed its 2021 Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP), docketed UE – 210829. On November 1, 2023, PacifiCorp filed its 2024-2025 Biennial CEIP Update in the same docket. On March 25, 2024, the Commission entered Order 09, suspending PacifiCorp’s CEIP Update and setting the matter for adjudication and investigation.
3. On April 18, 2024, CRITFC filed a petition to intervene in this matter. On April 23, CRITFC attended the pre-hearing conference, and on May 3 received approval for intervention without opposition. On April 23, CRITFC filed and served on PacifiCorp

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

² Funding Agreements, § 6.3.

and all parties of record its Request for Case Certification and Notice of Intent to Request a Fund Grant in accordance with Article 6.2 of the Funding Agreement.³ CRITFC identified PacifiCorp's Prioritized Organization Sub-Fund for its Proposed Budget and requested certification as a Prioritized Organization pursuant to Article 5.2.2 of the Funding Agreement.

4. CRITFC now files this Proposed Budget in accordance with Article 6.3 of the Funding Agreement for the amount of \$27,400.

Statement of Work for Which Funding is Sought

5. CRITFC intends to request a Fund Grant to partially offset the expense of staffing costs and expert consulting fees to adjudicate PacifiCorp's Clean Energy Implementation Plan, including review of the revised Biennial Update; review, preparation and filing of testimony and discovery; participation in settlement conferences; and all other matters necessary for complete representation in this matter.
6. CRITFC has retained Patrick Oshie as an expert consultant and technical advisor to support its involvement in this docket. CRITFC also intends to retain up to two other expert witnesses for adjudication of this matter.

Areas to Be Investigated

7. CRITFC intends to advocate for the needs of tribal communities, Columbia River salmon, and fishery interests of the Columbia River treaty tribes as outlined in our *Energy Vision*. CRITFC is investigating and negotiating for settlement areas of

³ Funding Agreements, § 6.2.

PacifiCorp's CEIP which will improve outcomes for low-income and tribal customers in the Company's service territory; that support equitable distribution of burdens and benefits from PacifiCorp's resource development plans; and which will maximize energy efficiency and development of renewable resources that reduce reliance on federal hydro.

8. CRITFC reserves the right to investigate and address additional issues not stated here as the case progresses.

Specific Funds

9. CRITFC seeks funding from PacifiCorp's 2024 Prioritized Organizations Sub-Fund of the Consumer Access Fund.⁴ Section 4.2 of the Funding Agreements provide a Prioritized Organizations Sub-Fund of \$200,000 for parties representing Prioritized Organizations in PacifiCorp proceedings.
10. At this time, CRITFC does not have definitive information on budgets submitted for grants from PacifiCorp's 2024 Prioritized Organizations Sub-Fund. CRITFC believes that the Alliance for Western Energy Consumers, NW Energy Coalition, and TEP intend to submit budgets for grants from PacifiCorp's 2024 Customer Representation Sub-Fund. CRITFC will coordinate its request with other case-certified parties as required under section 6.6 of the Funding Agreement.

Additional Considerations

11. This is CRITFC's first year intervening in a WUTC docket. Beginning in 2023, following a mandate from our member tribes to implement the Tribal Energy Vision, we have

⁴ Funding Agreements, § 4.2

increased our staff capacity, retained attorney consultant services, and begun participation in both Oregon's Public Utility Commission and Washington's UTC.

12. We believe the CEIP Update is an important planning tool that sets the groundwork for the Company's compliance with Washington State's Clean Energy Transformation Act. The policy decisions made in this process will serve as the basis for the Company's Integrated Resource Plans and will shape the clean energy future of the region. CRITFC seeks to ensure that this process does not repeat the mistakes of past energy development, which disproportionately impacted tribes and Columbia River salmon, and instead leads to the greatest benefit for aquatic and cultural resources, CRITFC's member tribes, and the vulnerable tribal communities they represent.

Budget

13. CRITFC submits the following estimated budget for its requested Fund Grants in this matter:

2024 Fund Grant: \$27,400

14. These amounts represent partial reimbursement of expenses CRITFC projects for its expert witnesses, consultants, and attorney fees serving in this matter.

15. WHEREFORE, CRITFC respectfully requests the Commission approve this Proposed Budget.

Dated this 23rd day of May 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A.

CRITFC's Proposed Budget for Issue Fund Grant

<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Cost</u>
<i>Attorney Fees</i>			
Senior Attorney	60	\$109	\$6540
Law Clerk/Pre-license attorney	60	\$64	\$3840
Legal Assistant	20	\$46	\$920
<i>Expert Witnesses Fees</i>			
Experts	60	\$250	\$12,500
<i>Other Expenses</i>			
Travel			\$1000
Printing and Postage			\$100
Total CRITFC Issue Fund Request:			\$27,400