

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of

PUGET SOUND ENERGY

Clean Energy Implementation Plan
Pursuant to WAC 480-100-640

DOCKET UE-210795

REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF FUND
GRANT OF THE ENERGY PROJECT

1 Pursuant to the Washington Interim Participatory Funding Agreement (Funding Agreement),¹
approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) in Order 01
in Docket No. U-210595, and Order 05 Granting Requests for Case Certification and Order 06
Approving Proposed Budgets for Fund Grants in Part; Rejecting in Part in Docket UE-210795,
The Energy Project (TEP) hereby respectfully requests payment of a Fund Grant from the
Customer Representation Sub-Fund for Puget Sound Energy (PSE)² in the amount of \$8,000. In
support of this request, TEP states the following:

2 On December 17, 2021, PSE filed with the Commission its Final Clean Energy Implementation
Plan (CEIP).

3 On June 3, 2022, TEP filed a Request for Case Certification and Notice of Intent to Request a
Fund Grant. The Commission granted TEP's Request on June 16, 2022.³

4 On June 21, 2022, TEP filed a Proposed Budget and requested a Fund Grant in this docket in the
amount of \$10,000 to partially offset the costs of its participation in the proceeding. The
Commission approved a budget in the amount of \$8,000 for TEP's Fund Grant on July 15,
2022.⁴

5 As a party to this docket, TEP focused on all matters in the PSE Clean Energy Implementation
Plan (CEIP) having an impact on PSE's low-income and vulnerable customers, including, among
other issues, Customer Benefit Indicators (CBIs) and metrics addressing reduction of costs and

¹ Docket U-210595, Order 01, Approving Agreement with Modifications (Feb. 24, 2022).

² See Funding Agreement § 4.2.

³ Order 05, Granting Requests for Case Certification (June 16, 2022)

⁴ Order 06, Approving Proposed Budgets for Fund Grants In Part; Rejecting In Part (July 15, 2022).

burdens, energy security, risk reduction, resilience, and energy benefits, as well as PSE's distributed energy program proposals.

6 TEP respectfully submits that this request for payment satisfies the requirement of the Funding Agreement Section 7.1 as follows:

- a. Section 7.1(a). The itemized expenses, payees and hourly rates for amounts to be reimbursed, including billing details, and including separately identified amounts for consultant or expert fees and travel expenses are attached as Confidential Exhibit A. TEP does not include any fees for its attorneys' professional staff or apportioned wages for in-house staff related to participation in this proceeding.
- b. Section 7.1(b). TEP was a full and active participant in this docket and the expenses are reasonable and directly attributable to issues and positions pursued on behalf of low-income customers and vulnerable populations, including detailed review of the PSE CEIP, efforts to develop appropriate CBIs and metrics, and presentation of CBIs for adoption as conditions of approval for the CEIP. As the only party focusing solely on the interests of low-income customers in this proceeding, TEP reviewed discovery, participated in settlement conferences, participated in prehearing/status conferences, filed testimony, reviewed testimony of other parties, prepared for and attended an evidentiary hearing, and filed a closing brief. The expenses included in Confidential Attachment A are Eligible Expenses as defined in Funding Agreement Section 7.3 and are reasonable and directly attributable to TEP's participation in this proceeding on behalf of low-income customers and vulnerable populations.
- c. Section 7.1(c). As set forth in this request for payment, TEP has provided information sufficient to demonstrate that TEP complied with all conditions and requirements of its Approved Fund Grant.
- d. Section 7.1(d). This request is a final request for payment under the Approved Fund Grant for the full amount of the Approved Fund Grant.

- e. Section 7.3. All of the expenses included in Confidential Attachment A are Eligible Expenses as defined in Section 7.3 of the Funding Agreement.

7 Upon approval of this request for payment by the Commission, please send payment to TEP as follows:

The Energy Project
Opportunity Council Administrative Office
PO Box 2134, Bellingham, WA 98227

8 TEP has satisfied the terms of the Funding Agreement and respectfully requests that the Commission approve payment of TEP's Fund Grant in the amount of \$8,000 from the PSE Customer Representation Sub-Fund within 30 days of receiving this Request for Payment as provided in Section 7.6 of the Funding Agreement.

DATED: March 23, 2023

By: /s/ Yochanan Zakai

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