

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

UM 0000

In the Matter of

OREGON POWER COMPANY,

Application for Increased Tariff in Rural
Areas Throughout Oregon.

NOTICE TO PARTICIPATE & REQUEST
HB 2475 INTERIM INTERVENOR
FUNDING OF THE ORGANIZATION OF
ADVOCATES

The Organization of Advocates (OAR) hereby submits its Notice to Participate & Request Funding in this docket and requests interim intervenor funding in accordance with Oregon House Bill 2475 (HB 2475).

OAR is an eligible organization for HB 2475 interim inventor funding. The OAR represents the interests of low-income residential customers and the interests of customers that are members of environmental justice communities.¹ OAR's mission is to provide representation in public proceedings for environmental justice communities throughout the state. We represent the communities traditionally underrepresented in public processes and adversely harmed by environmental and health hazards, including rural communities. Our organization is accountable to the community by incorporating members of the given community on our board and throughout our engagement process.²

UM 0000 is an eligible proceeding under Commission order No. 22-043. UM 0000 is a non-contested case that affects the Oregon Power Company and its low-income resident customers and environmental justice communities. This docket impacts our organization's members who live in rural areas throughout Oregon, who will be subject to increased tariff rates if the Commission approves the application.³

The Organization of Advocates respectfully requests that this Commission grant its Notice to Participate in these proceedings as an eligible organization and its request to receive HB 2475 interim intervenor funding.⁴

Dated this 1st day of March 2022.

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¹ See Additional Information to Assist Drafting below for further explanation.

² See Additional Information to Assist Drafting below for further explanation.

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⁴ See Additional Information to Assist Drafting below for further explanation.

Additional Information to Assist Drafting

1. Currently, the Commission utilizes the following definitions for these terms:
 - Low income groups: represent the interests of residential households that are predominantly at or below 200% of the federal poverty level
 - Environmental justice community groups:
 - Environmental justice communities includes communities of color, communities experiencing lower incomes, tribal communities, rural communities, coastal communities, communities with limited infrastructure and other communities traditionally underrepresented in public processes and adversely harmed by environmental and health hazards, including but not limited to seniors, youth and persons with disabilities.
 - See Commission order No. 22-043.
2. Please explain your organization's mission statement, vision, or purpose in intervening in the specified docket. This section should explain your organization's representation of selected above interests in accordance with HB 2475, and how your group is accountable to this community.
3. Order No. 22-043 allows a wide variety of dockets to be eligible. That noted, groups do need to explain how the docket will affect the communities represent.
4. An Intervenor will also need to get a Commission budget approved to receive funding. That budget may be included with this request, or filed subsequently. The budget must include the following elements:

The Proposed Budget must include (a) a statement of work to be performed by the Recipient for which the Recipient is seeking funding; (b) a description of the areas to be investigated and addressed by Recipient; (c) a budget showing estimated attorney fees, which may include the cost for appropriate support staff and operational support; and (d) a budget showing estimated consultant fees and expert witness fees, which may include the cost for appropriate support staff and operational support.

The deadline for filing a Proposed Budget shall be 30 days after the preheating conference at which the schedule for the proceeding is established or by such other date as the Commission designates.