

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1224

In the Matter of)	
)	MEMORANDUM
UTILITY REFORM PROJECT and)	AND
KEN LEWIS)	RULING
)	
Application for Deferred Accounting.)	

DISPOSITION: PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE ADOPTED

On January 24, 2007, a prehearing conference was held in Salem, Oregon in the above-captioned docket. David White, on behalf of Portland General Electric Company (PGE), and Jason Jones, on behalf of Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission), appeared. Daniel Meek, representing the Utility Reform Project and Ken Lewis (URP), requested that the prehearing conference be held, but did not appear.

Background

On August 14, 2007, the Commission entered Order No. 07-351. The order granted, in part, an application by URP for deferred accounting, while dismissing a concurrently filed complaint. Order No. 07-351 granted URP's deferral request as of the date of its filing, October 5, 2005, to December 31, 2005. The order instructed PGE to calculate the deferred amounts using the methodologies for determining taxes collected and taxes paid adopted in OAR 860-022-0041. The order directed PGE to file, by December 1, 2007, the calculation of the deferral amount and an earnings test.

On November 30, 2007, PGE filed the specified calculation of the deferral amount and an earning test, as well as testimony setting forth alternative deferral calculations. The testimony also argues that irrespective of the method selected to calculate the deferred amount, the Commission should not amortize the deferral due to PGE's low earnings.

Procedural Schedule

The purpose of the prehearing conference was to establish a procedural schedule to allow the Commission to consider the deferral amount and the issue of amortization and to make a determination regarding rate adjustment by June 1, 2008, as specified by Order No. 07-351. The participating parties agreed to a schedule, including a

pledge to respond to data requests within three business days between the publication of rebuttal testimony and the hearing. The parties indicated that the proposed schedule adhered to a request by URP to have the opportunity to reply to PGE and Staff testimony.

I adopt the agreed to schedule, modifying only the hearing day, as a hearing room is unavailable for the originally selected day. The procedural schedule in the above captioned proceeding is:

Staff files Reply Testimony	February 28, 2008
URP files Reply Testimony	March 6, 2008
PGE files Rebuttal Testimony	March 27, 2008
Hearing	April 2, 2008
Opening Briefs due	April 14, 2008
Reply Briefs due	April 28, 2008
Final Order desired	May 23, 2008

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 29th day of January, 2008.

Traci A. G. Kirkpatrick
Administrative Law Judge