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May 28, 2008

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**RE: Notification of Intent to Terminate PGE / NWN Joint Meter Reading Agreement**

In UE 189 Joint Party Testimony Exhibit 101, PGE committed to "Provide preliminary notification of dissolution of the Joint Meter Reading Agreement between PGE and NWN within 30 days of PGE receiving AMI tariff approval from the OPUC and PGE Board approval to move forward with the project." Attachment 1 provides a copy of PGE's notification to Northwest Natural of our intent to terminate the agreement on or about September 1, 2010.

If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Alex Tooman at (503) 464-7623 or Patrick Hager at (503) 464-7580.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick G. Hager", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Patrick G. Hager  
Manager, Regulatory Affairs

PGH: smg

Enclosures

cc: UE 189 Service List



**Advanced  
Metering  
Infrastructure**

Date: May 7, 2008

To: Randy Trautman, Manager, Operations Technology Projects  
NW Natural

From: DeAngeloa Wells, Manager, Meter Data Acquisition  
Portland General Electric Co.

RE: **NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO TERMINATE PGE / NORTHWEST NATURAL  
JOINT METER READING AGREEMENT**

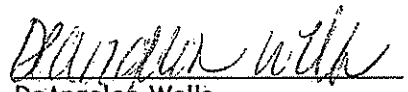
This letter serves as a notification to Northwest Natural Gas ("NW Natural") of Portland General Electric Company's ("PGE") intent to terminate the Joint Meter Reading Agreement ("Agreement") between NW Natural and PGE. PGE intends to terminate the Agreement effective on or about September 1, 2010 ("Termination Date"). In the meantime, it is PGE's desire and intent to work closely with NW Natural to ensure a smooth and orderly transition from the joint meter reading ("JMR") routes shared by the two companies to automated meter reading systems that each company intends to install on or before the Termination Date. To that end, we propose to amend the existing Agreement to facilitate the transition away from joint meter reading on terms satisfactory to both parties.

As you may be aware, today the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC) approved PGE's proposal for deployment of an advanced metering infrastructure ("AMI") system throughout our service territory. Full deployment will be preceded by a six-month system acceptance test ("SAT") phase, which is scheduled to begin in June 2008. Manual meter reading of JMR routes will not be affected during the SAT test phase, as all PGE meters will continue to be read manually until early 2009.

PGE intends to begin full deployment of its AMI system in January 2009. Over the approximately 20-month period that follows, we will systematically deploy the new AMI technology in all areas of our service territory, including areas covered by the Agreement. In early 2009, PGE's meter read routes will begin to be turned over to network reads as the new AMI meters are installed and certain route saturations are realized. As that occurs, it is our intent to turn individual JMR routes over to NW Natural in a well-coordinated manner through an agreed-upon process.

We understand that NW Natural, in turn, wishes to implement an automated meter reading program of its own within the areas covered by the Agreement. Accordingly, we believe that amendment of the current Agreement to facilitate the plans of both companies would best serve our customers and ensure that each of our automated meter reading system deployments are carried out in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible.

We propose that both parties initiate discussions within the next 30 days to develop the necessary details and contract language for an amendment to the Agreement. Please advise us as to how you wish to proceed.

  
DeAngeloa Wells  
Manager, Meter Data Acquisition

cc: PGE Legal  
Bruce Carpenter  
Joel Westvold

bcc: George Kuiawa  
Tom Gallegos  
Bill Haskins  
Robert Buck  
Jamie Swails

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day caused the foregoing **NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO TERMINATE PGE / NWN JOINT METER READING AGREEMENT** to be served by electronic mail to those parties whose email addresses appear on the attached service list, and by First Class US Mail, postage prepaid and properly addressed, to those parties on the attached service list who have not waived paper service from OPUC Docket No. UE 189.

Dated at Portland, Oregon, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2008.

  
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PATRICK G. HAGER



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**Subject Company:** PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC

In the Matter of PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY Request to Add Schedule 111, Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Filed by Pamela G. Lesh. (See Initial Utility Filing for electronic version.)

**Filing Date:** 3/7/2007

**Advice No:** 07-08

**Effective:** 6/1/2008

**Expiration:**

**Status:** ACCEPTED

**Final Order:** 08-245

**Order Signed:** 5/5/2008

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