

1 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**
2 **OF OREGON**

3 LC 43

4 In the Matter of

5 PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
6 COMPANY

7 2007 Integrated Resource Plan.

STAFF'S MOTION TO AMEND PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE

EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION REQUESTED

8 Comes now staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (staff) and requests the
9 Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issue a Ruling modifying the schedule in the present docket as
10 set forth below.

11 Guideline 3(c) found in Commission Order No. 07-002 provides that "Commission staff
12 and parties should complete their comments and recommendations within six months of IRP
13 filing." The current schedule was created to meet this six month deadline. Staff acknowledges
14 that its proposed amended schedule would extend the comment and recommendation phase of
15 the docket beyond the six months set forth in Guideline 3(c). However, staff has been advised
16 by counsel that Guideline 3(c) is not required by law and the Commission retains discretion to
17 modify it for good cause.

18 The Commission, in adopting Guideline 3(c), declared that "The IRP process has become
19 more complex, with more analysis of risk and uncertainty in resource acquisition strategies."
20 Order No. 07-002 at 10. Staff's request is based upon the inherent complexity involved with
21 analyzing any IRP, coupled with the current unusually heavy workload for the primary staff
22 analyst assigned to this docket. These two circumstances combined make it extremely difficult
23 for staff to submit its final comments, recommendation and the draft order by December 4, 2007
24 (as currently scheduled).

25 On November 26, 2007, staff sent an email inquiry to the service list generally informing
26 the parties of the nature of staff's intended motion and asking parties to respond, if possible, by

1 November 27, 2007, if they would oppose it. As of 11 a.m. on November 27, 2007, staff is
2 authorized to state that the following parties do not oppose this motion: Portland General Electric
3 Company; ICNU; NW Energy Coalition; and Oregon Department of Energy. While staff is
4 unaware of any party that opposes this motion, it cannot entirely eliminate that possibility as of
5 the time this motion was filed. As such, staff asks the ALJ to give this motion expedited
6 consideration as the next event under the current schedule is for staff to file its comments,
7 recommendation and draft order by December 4, 2007.

8 Accordingly, staff asks the ALJ to extend the Schedule for remaining events as follows:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Proposed Amended Date</u>
Staff final comments, recommendation, draft order	January 4, 2008
Reply to staff comments	January 22, 2008
Staff public meeting report due	February 19, 2008
Staff public meeting presentation	March 11, 2008

13 DATED this 27th day of November 2007.

14 Respectfully submitted,

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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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3 I certify that on November 27, 2007, I served the foregoing upon all parties of record in
4 this proceeding by delivering a copy by electronic mail and by mailing a copy by postage prepaid
5 first class mail or by hand delivery/shuttle mail to the parties accepting paper service.

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