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Re: UM 1355 – Investigation into Forecasting Forced Outage Rates

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• PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO PACIFICORP'S MOTION TO LIMIT SCOPE OF DOCKET TO GENERIC ISSUES

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### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:	)
	) PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF	) COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO
OREGON,	) PACIFICORP'S MOTION TO LIMIT
	) SCOPE OF DOCKET TO GENERIC
Investigation Into Forecasting Forced Outage	) ISSUES
Rates For Electric Generating Units	)

Pursuant to Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 860-013-0050, Portland General Electric Company ("PGE") submits this brief response to PacifiCorp's Motion to Limit the Scope of this Docket to Generic Issues, filed May 13, 2009.

PacifiCorp's motion requests the exclusion from this docket of three PacifiCorpspecific issues raised by the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities. In support of its
motion, PacifiCorp argues that it is improper to litigate company-specific issues in this generic
proceeding, inefficient to address implementation issues before the Commission establishes
general guidelines for forced outage modeling, and unnecessary and prejudicial to litigate the
identified issues in this docket when at the same time PacifiCorp has pending its net power cost
filing where the issues could be more expeditiously resolved. PacifiCorp also noted that it would
be unfair to require other parties to this docket to bear the expense and burden of analyzing and
responding to the issues that are outside the scope of this proceeding.

While PGE will not comment in this response on the specific issues raised in PacifiCorp's motion, PGE does agree with the arguments made by PacifiCorp in support of its motion. It its recently filed testimony, PGE also pointed out that issues have been raised in this

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docket that are beyond the scope of a generic, policy docket. A summary of PGE's position on these issues is included in the testimony on page 32 of PGE Exhibit 200. PGE identified two issues that would be more appropriately dealt with in PGE's currently pending Annual Update Tariff (power cost) docket. A third issue was identified as outside the scope of this docket, but could also be moved to the AUT docket. As explained in PGE's testimony, the reasons for that request are similar to those articulated by PacifiCorp in support of its motion.

So, while the issues are not the same, the concern is – limiting the issues in this docket to those appropriate for a generic, policy docket. PGE urges the Commission to limit this docket to generic, policy issues regarding forced outage rate forecasting. Granting PacifiCorp's motion would be consistent with that goal.

DATED this 21st day of May, 2009.

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