ISSUED: April 27, 2011

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1460

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

Staff Recommendation to Use Oregon Electricity Regulators Assistance Project Funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to Develop Commission Smart Grid Objectives for 2010-2014.

RULING

DISPOSITION: PETITION TO INTERVENE GRANTED; MOTION TO ACCEPT LATE-FILED COMMENTS GRANTED

On December 17, 2010, Grid Net filed a petition to intervene in this docket. No party objected to the petition. I have reviewed Grid Net's petition and find that it has sufficient interest in the proceedings and that its participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or delay the proceedings. *See* OAR 860-001-0300. The petition is therefore granted.

On December 20, 2010, Smart Grid Oregon filed its closing comments in this docket, together with a motion to accept the late-filed comments. Smart Grid explained that it was unable to meet the December 17 deadline for closing comments due to extenuating circumstances, including unforeseen illness and family obligations. Smart Grid's motion is granted, and its closing comments are accepted.

Dated this 27th day of April, 2011, at Salem, Oregon.

Sarah K. Wallace
Administrative Law Judge