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Commission Filing Center  
Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
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**RE: Docket UE 230 - Annual Boardman Decommissioning Update - 2015**

Filing Center:

On July 5, 2011, Commission Order No. 11-242 approved Portland General Electric's (PGE) request to revise Schedule 145 to adjust depreciation rates related to the planned Boardman plant closure changing from the year 2040 to the year 2020. The provisions of this Order require that PGE submit an annual informational report, beginning June 15, 2012, to all parties in the UE 230 proceeding that includes:

- Current balance of dollars collected for decommissioning; and
- Any relevant changes to PGE forecasts of future decommissioning costs.

Attachment 1, "2015 Boardman Decommissioning Update," is PGE's informational report.

If you have any questions or require further information, please call me at (503) 464-7580. Please direct all formal correspondence and requests to the following email address [pge.opuc.filings@pgn.com](mailto:pge.opuc.filings@pgn.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick G. Hager".

Patrick G. Hager  
Manager, Regulatory Affairs

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cc: UE 230 Service List

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**UE 230**

**Attachment 1**

**2015 Boardman Decommissioning Update**

**Portland General Electric  
Schedule 145 Boardman Adjustment Update  
Boardman Decommissioning Update  
2015**

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The total collection from customers for future Boardman decommissioning costs as of 5/31/2015 is \$35,365,851 (out of a currently estimated \$70 million). Pursuant to the provisions of Schedule 145, the current monthly decommissioning accrual for the remainder of 2015 is \$489,741.

The Boardman decommissioning cost estimate assumed that the plant will be retired December 31, 2020, at which time the site will be decommissioned. Reflected in the above amounts are adjustments that increased PGE's share of decommissioning costs for 2014 and 2015, based on PGE's increased ownership share of Boardman and the addition of a retention/reliability labor compensation plan (Order No. 14-169, Order No. 14-422, and Advice No. 14-18). PGE is in the process of transitioning an existing employee over to managing the decommissioning project. While their current time associated with the decommissioning project is limited, PGE expects this employee to record an increasing amount of their labor to the decommissioning fund as the timeline moves closer to the target closure date. PGE is also currently reviewing the need for an updated decommissioning study. We expect to provide new details on these developments in our Schedule 145 update filing. Additionally, PGE is currently reviewing alternative generation scenarios for the site, with biomass test firing now scheduled for late 2015. If it is determined that the site will be utilized for an alternative generation scenario, the decommissioning estimate will be updated and presented to the Commission.