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**RE: Docket No. UE 286: In the Matter of
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY's Net Variable Power
Costs (NVPC) and Annual Power Cost Update (APCU).**

Enclosed for electronic filing in the above-captioned docket is the Public
Utility Commission Staff's Opening Testimony.

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OF OREGON**

UE 286

STAFF OPENING TESTIMONY OF

JOHN CRIDER

**In the Matter of
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY's
Net Variable Power Costs (NVPC) and
Annual Power Cost Update (APCU).**

May 27, 2014

CASE: UE 286
WITNESS: JOHN CRIDER

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
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STAFF EXHIBIT 100

Opening Testimony

May 27, 2014

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, OCCUPATION, AND BUSINESS**
2 **ADDRESS.**

3 A. My name is John Crider. I am employed by the Oregon Public Utility
4 Commission (OPUC) as a Senior Power Cost Analyst in the Energy Resources
5 and Planning Section of the Energy Division. My business address is 3930
6 Fairview Industrial Drive, Salem, Oregon, 97302.

7 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND WORK**
8 **EXPERIENCE.**

9 A. My Witness Qualification Statements are found in Exhibit Staff/101.

10 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

11 A. The purpose of my testimony is to first summarize Portland General Electric's
12 (PGE or Company) 2014 Net Variable Power Costs (NVPC) filing, then to
13 comment on two proposed adjustments to the price forecasts proposed in this
14 filing.

15 **Q. HOW IS YOUR TESTIMONY ORGANIZED?**

16 A. My testimony is organized as follows:
17 I. Summary of PGE's 2015 NVPC filing
18 II. Market Price Forecast
19 III. Natural Gas Forecast
20 IV. Summary
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I. SUMMARY OF PGE'S 2015 NVPC FILING

Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN PGE'S 2015 NVPC FILING

A. Since PGE has filed its 2015 NVPC filing concurrently with a general rate case (GRC) proceeding¹ the Company has included in its filing, not only the parameter revisions allowed under PGE's Annual Update Tariff (AUT) -Tariff Schedule 125 - but also MONET model changes and updates.

Q. WHAT MODEL CHANGES AND UPDATES DOES THE COMPANY PROPOSE IN ITS INITIAL FILING?

A. PGE proposed the following modeling changes and updates:²

1. updated forced outage rates for thermal units;
2. update to the Boardman plant parameters;
3. transmission related updates;
4. updates to Colstrip Unit 3 and Unit 4 modeling;
5. inclusion in PGE's hydro data of the latest Pacific Northwest Coordination Agreement (PNCA) Headwater Benefits study;
6. new Western Electricity Coordinating Council WECC operating reserve standards;
7. wind related updates; and
8. updated oil forward price basis differential.

Q. WHAT ARE STAFF'S COMMENTS OR ISSUES REGARDING THE ABOVE CHANGES AND UPDATES?

¹ Docketed as UE 283.

² See UE283/PGE/500, Niman-Peschka-Hager/7-8.

1 A. Subject to further discovery during this proceeding, at present Staff considers
2 the above changes and updates reasonable.

3 **Q. DID THE COMPANY PROPOSE ANY OTHER CHANGES TO THE MONET**
4 **MODELING?**

5 A. Yes. The Company originally included two new resources in the model run,
6 Tucannon River Wind Farm and Port Westward 2. However, these resources
7 were removed from the modeling for the calculation of NVPC in this docket.
8 The variable costs and benefits of these two resources will instead be
9 incorporated into a separate tariff rider being considered in PGE's 2015
10 general rate case, Docket UE 283. Therefore no NVPC effects of these two
11 resources will be reflected in this proceeding.

12 **Q. WHAT IS THE FINAL RESULT FOR NVPC AFTER INCORPORATING THE**
13 **MODELING CHANGES AND EXCLUDING THE TWO NEW RESOURCES?**

14 A. The Company's resulting calculation of NVPC after accounting for all of these
15 changes is approximately \$594 million.³

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17 **II. MARKET PRICE FORECAST**

18 **Q. EXPLAIN THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MARKET PRICE FORECAST ON**
19 **MONET MODELING AND THE CALCULATION OF NVPC.**

20 A. Market Price Forecast (MPF) is a representation of the price at which energy
21 can be purchased or sold by the Company, forecasted by month for the 12
22 months comprising the test year, and delineated by peak ("high load hours")

³ See MONET modeling run Step 56ab provided in the April 15, 2014 Update.

1 and off-peak (“low load hours”) prices. The monthly price forecasts are
2 transformed into hourly prices, one price for each hour of the test year, for use
3 in MONET. The hourly market price represents the marginal cost of energy for
4 each hour; that is, the cost to generate one megawatt-hour of energy at that
5 hour. MONET compares this marginal cost to each generating unit’s cost of
6 generation (i.e., “production cost”) for that hour. Based on that comparison,
7 MONET will direct the unit to either generate to serve load, to generate to sell
8 to the market, or to not generate and instead MONET will simulate a purchase
9 from the market. NVPC represents the sum of the cost for these hourly
10 decisions for the entire test year, so NVPC is highly dependent on the
11 forecasted market prices.

12 **Q. HOW OFTEN IS THE MARKET PRICE FORECAST UPDATED?**

13 A. The Company provides their most recent Market Price Forecast with the initial
14 (April) filing in each Annual Update Tariff (AUT) NVPC proceeding. The
15 Company is allowed to revise the forecast to reflect the most recent data during
16 each of the updates that occur throughout the AUT proceeding. These updates
17 include the July Update, the October Update, and two updates in November.

18 **Q. DOES STAFF HAVE A CONCERN REGARDING THE MOST RECENT**
19 **MARKET PRICE FORECAST (MPF)?**

20 A. Yes. Staff’s original analysis of the most recent MPF was a simple comparison
21 of the monthly forecast amounts in the 2015 initial filing with the final November
22 filing from the previous AUT proceeding in Docket UE 266. Staff noticed a
23 substantial increase in the proposed market prices on a monthly basis. To gain

1 further understanding, Staff conducted an analysis of the MPFs used in the last
2 three AUT proceedings.

3 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE NATURE OF THE ANALYSIS STAFF**
4 **CONDUCTED.**

5 A. Staff compared the hourly forecasted prices used in the previous three AUT
6 proceedings with actual hourly prices at the Mid- Columbia trading hub⁴ for the
7 same time period. Staff calculated the variance between the forecasted hourly
8 price and the actual hourly price for each hour over the three year period, and
9 then averaged these variances on a monthly basis.

10 **Q. DID THIS ANALYSIS REVEAL A TREND?**

11 A. Yes. Staff concluded that there was a strong tendency in each of the three
12 years studied for the Company to overestimate the average monthly forecasted
13 market price. This result did not appear to be a single year anomaly but instead
14 appears to be a systematic forecasting error that appears consistently in each
15 month and each year of the study. Exhibit 102 to this testimony presents Staff
16 findings in tabular form.

17 **Q. IS STAFF SATISFIED THAT THREE YEARS OF DATA ARE ENOUGH TO**
18 **BASE ITS ANALYSIS ON?**

19 A. Staff believes that three years of hourly data is a large enough sample to
20 determine a general trend. However, Staff understands that utilizing more data
21 will provide greater accuracy in mathematically describing the trend. Staff
22 intends to augment the existing data through discovery with at least three more

⁴ Data supplied by the Company in response to ICNU data request No. 79 in UE 283. The Mid-Columbia is the reference trading hub for the Company's forecasted prices.

1 years of similar data which will verify and validate the trend identified at
2 present. Staff expects to be able to better define the trend as this proceeding
3 continues.

4 **Q. HOW DOES STAFF PROPOSE TO USE THESE FINDINGS?**

5 A. Staff proposes to apply the average monthly variance calculated in Exhibit 102
6 (Column E) to the Company's flat MPF. The result will be a new flat monthly
7 price forecast for the 12 months of the test year. Staff proposes that the revised
8 flat monthly price forecast be used to first create a peak ("high-load hours") and
9 an off-peak ("low-load hours") monthly forecast in the same manner the
10 Company derives its peak and off-peak forecast from the flat forecast. Staff
11 proposes that these revised peak and off-peak forecasts then be used as the
12 basis for the hourly price forecast which MONET can use for a new modeling
13 run.

14 **Q. HAS STAFF PRODUCED A MONET RUN WITH THE PROPOSED**
15 **CHANGES FOR COMPARISON?**

16 A. Yes. Using the same methodology the Company used, Staff applied the
17 modified monthly MPF to create an hourly market price forecast.⁵ Staff then
18 performed a new modeling run of MONET reflecting the change in MPF.

19 **Q. WHAT WAS THE RESULTING NVPC AND HOW DOES IT COMPARE TO**
20 **THAT OF THE COMPANY'S ESTIMATE?**

⁵ Staff utilized the same HLH-to-flat and LLH-to-flat ratios as found in MONET's PCInput tab to create the HLH and LLH monthly forecasts. The monthly forecast was input into the Company's LYDIA model to create an hourly market forecast (the "Trading Curve Dispatch" table).

- 1 A. The resulting NVPC is approximately \$578 million, a reduction of \$16 million
- 2 from the latest Company estimate (MONET Step 56ab).
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1 **III. NATURAL GAS PRICE FORECAST**

2 **Q. EXPLAIN THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NATURAL GAS PRICE**

3 **FORECAST ON MONET MODELING AND THE CALCULATION OF NVPC.**

4 A. The Natural Gas Price forecast (NGPF) is used to determine the production
5 cost for all generation units that are fueled by natural gas. As explained
6 previously in this testimony, the production cost for each unit is the element
7 that MONET uses to determine whether a plant generates or not on an hourly
8 basis. The sum of these hourly decisions has a significant impact on the overall
9 annual NVPC.

10 **Q. WHEN IS THE NGPF UPDATED?**

11 A. The NGPF is first updated from the previous year's forecast in the initial filing of
12 the proceeding. The NGPF is updated for each of the subsequent updates
13 during the AUT.

14 **Q. DID THE STAFF HAVE CONCERNS REGARDING THE INITIAL NGPF IN**
15 **THIS PROCEEDING?**

16 A. Yes. In a fashion similar to that described for the Market Price Forecast, Staff
17 initially compared the proposed gas forecast with the last updated gas forecast
18 from the prior year's proceedings in UE 266. The new NGPF appeared to be
19 considerably higher than the forecast from November 2013. This raised
20 concern since only three months had passed since that forecast was last
21 updated and yet the price had changed as much as 30% or more for some
22 months.⁶

⁶ See Staff Exhibit 102.

1 **Q. HOW DID STAFF TREAT THIS CONCERN?**

2 A. As a result of the concern over this rise in NGPF, Staff pursued a similar
3 comparison of AUT natural gas forecasted prices to actual gas prices for the
4 last three AUT proceedings. In an analogous fashion to the MFP analysis, Staff
5 conducted a month by month comparison⁷ of Company forecasted gas prices
6 with actual gas prices at four natural gas trading hubs.

7 **Q. DID STAFF IDENTIFY A TREND?**

8 A. Yes. Direct month-by-month comparison of actual natural gas prices at the four
9 trading hubs⁸ revealed a strong tendency for the Company to overestimate the
10 forecast. This did not appear to be a single year anomaly but instead the
11 overestimation was observed for all three years studied.

12 **Q. IS THREE YEARS OF DATA ENOUGH TO ESTABLISH A TREND?**

13 A. Staff believes that three years of data is enough to establish a trend. Staff
14 understands that incorporating additional data will allow for a more accurate
15 description of this trend. At this point in the proceeding, Staff has access only
16 to the three years of data analyzed to date; however, Staff fully intends to gain
17 access to several years of additional data through discovery as this proceeding
18 continues. Staff will incorporate the additional data into the analysis to provide
19 further quantification of the magnitude of variance between the company's
20 forecasted prices and actual prices.

⁷ The Company does not offer an hourly natural gas price as they do with market prices but instead MONET makes use of monthly average prices.

⁸ AECO, Sumas, Rockies (Opal), and Malin.

1 **Q. DOES STAFF HAVE A PROPOSAL TO CORRECT FOR THIS**
2 **OVERESTIMATION IN THE NGPF?**

3 A. Yes. In a similar fashion to correct for the market price forecast overestimation,
4 Staff proposes that the monthly average variance, calculated over three years
5 of observations, be applied to the Company's natural gas forecast, and the
6 revised forecast be applied to a new MONET modeling run.

7 **Q. HAS STAFF PRODUCED A MONET RUN WITH THE PROPOSED**
8 **CHANGES FOR COMPARISON?**

9 A. Yes. Staff applied the monthly average variance to the Company's monthly
10 NGPF and created a revised NGPF. Staff re-ran the MONET model with the
11 new gas forecast. Staff's new modeling run also incorporated the previously
12 introduced changes to MPF discussed in section III of this testimony.

13 **Q. WHAT WAS THE RESULTING NVPC FROM THE NEW MONET RUN AND**
14 **HOW DOES IT COMPARE TO THE RESULT FROM STAFF'S PREVIOUS**
15 **REVISED NVPC?**

16 A. The new resulting NVPC was approximately \$572 million, a reduction of \$6
17 million from Staff's first revised NVPC. This value (\$572 million) represents the
18 cumulative sum of both of Staff's proposed changes.

19 **Q. WHAT IS THE RESULT OF A MONET RUN USING ONLY THE REVISED**
20 **NGPF WITH THE COMPANY'S ORIGINAL MARKET FORECAST?**

21 A. The NVPC resulting from a MONET simulation with the original market forecast
22 and only changing the gas forecast is approximately \$581 million, a difference
23 of -\$13 million from the original NVPC.

1 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY THE REDUCTION IN NVPC DUE TO THE GAS**
2 **FORECAST BY ITSELF IS \$13 MILLION WHEN ONLY AN ADDITIONAL**
3 **REDUCTION OF \$6 MILLION IS REFLECTED WHEN COMBINED WITH THE**
4 **REVISED MPF.**

5 A. The cumulative change in NVPC resulting from a MONET run incorporating
6 both forecast changes is smaller than the simple addition of individual results
7 from two independent MONET runs, when only one forecast is changed at a
8 time. This is due to the fact that the market prices and gas prices are correlated
9 to some degree – that is, as gas prices rise, market prices will also rise, and
10 vice versa. This interdependence of the two forecasts results in a cumulative
11 effect which is somewhat less than the sum of the two effects calculated
12 individually.

13 **Q. IS THERE SOME VALUE IN SEPARATELY DETERMINING THE NVPC**
14 **CHANGES DUE TO THE MPF AND THE NGPF?**

15 A. Yes. Although it would be incorrect to simply add the two changes for an
16 adjustment, it is useful to determine each change independently in order to
17 estimate what percentage of the cumulative change (from the MONET results
18 where both MPF and NGPF are modified) is due to the MPF and what
19 percentage is due to the NGPF.

20 **Q. PLEASE DEMONSTRATE HOW THAT ESTIMATE COULD BE**
21 **CALCULATED.**

22 A. The simple ratio of the change in NVPC due solely to the MPF divided by the
23 simple sum of the change due to MPF PLUS the change due solely to the

1 NGPF shows the percentage of change due to the modified MPF. In numbers,
2 the ratio of \$16 million to (\$16 million + \$13 million) = $\$16/\$29 = 55\%$.

3 Likewise, the simple ratio of the change in NVPC due solely to the gas forecast
4 divided by the simple sum of both NVPC changes yields the percentage
5 change due solely to the NGPF. In numbers, the ratio of \$13 million to \$29
6 million yields the percentage change due solely to the gas forecast, or $\$13/\29
7 = 45%.

8 **Q. HOW ARE THESE PERCENTAGES APPLIED?**

9 A. The relative effect on the cumulative NVPC change due to the modified MPF
10 can now be estimated by applying the percentages calculated above. In
11 numbers, the relative effect of the MPF is 55% times the cumulative NVPC
12 change, or 55% times \$22 million = \$12 million. Similarly, the relative effect of
13 the NGPF on the cumulative NVPC change is 45% times \$22 million, or about
14 \$10 million.

15 **Q. HOW MIGHT THESE PERCENTAGE EFFECTS BE USED?**

16 A. If the Commission decides that only one or the other forecasts should be
17 revised, but not both, the Commission could use the values calculated above to
18 estimate an adjustment to NVPC. If, on the other hand, the Commission
19 decides to adopt both forecast revisions, it would be proper to use the
20 cumulative adjustment as opposed to the simple sum of the two adjustments.

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1 **IV. SUMMARY**

2 **Q. WHAT ISSUES HAS STAFF IDENTIFIED IN THIS PROCEEDING TO DATE?**

3 A. Staff has examined the MONET modeling changes and parameter changes
4 suggested by the Company and takes no issue with most of these. However,
5 Staff has identified a trend for the Company to forecast market prices and gas
6 prices that prove to be substantially higher than actual prices. Staff
7 understands that some error is inherent in any future-looking forecast.
8 However, Staff also expects that any tendency to over-forecast will be
9 balanced over time with a tendency to under-forecast. In other words, Staff
10 would expect that any forecast will show an average variance tending towards
11 zero. Staff is not concerned by any particular month or year being in error –
12 Staff considers this reasonable – but instead Staff is concerned with the
13 Company’s trend to consistently forecast higher-than-actual power prices, and
14 higher-than-actual natural gas prices.

15 **Q. DO THESE TRENDS AFFECT OVERALL POWER COSTS?**

16 A. Yes. From 2008 through 2012 (the year of the last filed Power Cost Adjustment
17 Mechanism (PCAM) the Company’s forecasted power costs have proven to be
18 consistently higher than actual power costs for all years. Exhibit 103 presents a
19 table comparing the power costs proposed for each year’s AUT (or GRC) and
20 the actual power costs for the same years.

21 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE TERM “PCAM” USED IN EXHIBIT 103.**

22 A. The PCAM is an annual filing made by the Company to “true-up” power costs
23 by comparing the actual power costs for the year with those forecasted for the

1 same year through the AUT. The difference between the actual costs and the
2 forecasted costs is subject to three adjustments that are in place to share risks
3 between customers and the Company. After applying these adjustments, one
4 of three outcomes is applied to rates – an over-collection in power costs is
5 refunded to customers, an under-collection results in a one-year rate increase,
6 or no action is taken.

7 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE RESULTS IN THE EXHIBIT 103.**

8 A. Correcting for variations in load, PGE has over-collected for power costs each
9 of the 5 years from 2008 through 2012. PGE uses the term “power cost
10 variance”, or PCV, to refer to the difference between power costs collected
11 through rates and actual power costs incurred by the Company. In the table,
12 the annual PCV ranges from a low of about \$12.4 million to a high of \$34.3
13 million. These PCV values represent potential refunds to customers that were
14 ultimately not refunded due to application of the PCAM deadband, sharing and
15 earnings tests. The total potential refund to customers over this time period is
16 about \$112 million out of which \$5.5 million was actually refunded after
17 application of the various sharing mechanisms.

18 **Q. HOW IS THIS RELATED TO THE ISSUES RAISED REGARDING THE**
19 **MARKET AND NATURAL GAS PRICE FORECASTS?**

20 A. The consistent trend to over-forecast the market and natural gas prices leads
21 to a consistent trend to overestimate overall NVPC. It should be noted that the
22 Company is allowed to actually collect this forecasted NVPC from customers.
23 Under the rules of the PCAM the over-collection through rates is adjusted by

1 the sharing mechanisms to determine if a refund is due to customers. In four of
2 the five years represented in the table, no refund was returned to customers.

3 **Q. WHAT IS STAFF'S SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION REGARDING 2015**
4 **NVPC?**

5 A. Staff recommends an adjustment of -\$22 million to the Company's estimated
6 NVPC of \$594 million, resulting in a revised NVPC of \$572, subject to
7 methodological verification by the Company.

8 **Q. ARE THERE ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO RAISE?**

9 A. Yes, the first concerns the load forecast and the second is more general and
10 related to issues raised by other parties to this docket.

11 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE CONCERN WITH THE LOAD FORECAST.**

12 A. Under a stipulation adopted in Docket No. UE 228, the load forecast in the AUT
13 does not include a price elasticity adjustment if the power cost filing results in a
14 price change of less than three percent in absolute value. This provision of the
15 stipulation seems intended to streamline the number of issues involved in a
16 power costs review case.

17 **Q. IS THERE A CONCERN REGARDING THIS STIPULATION PROVISION IN**
18 **THE INSTANCES WHERE A GENERAL RATE CASE FILING OCCURS**
19 **ALONG WITH A POWER COST FILING?**

20 A. Yes. The UE 228 Stipulation does not apply to the load forecast in a general
21 rate case and it is my understanding that Staff will likely recommend a price
22 elasticity adjustment in Docket No. UE 283. This could result in different load
23 forecasts being used in the power cost filing (under the restrictions of the UE

1 228 stipulation) and the general rate case. Further, the rationale underlying
2 the UE 228 agreement regarding the price elasticity adjustment does not apply
3 when the AUT filing is processed at the same time as a general rate filing. This
4 is because it makes no sense to determine the effect the AUT price change will
5 have on customers' behavior in isolation from other price changes happening
6 at the same time. Instead, it makes sense to determine the appropriate
7 elasticity adjustment to PGE's loads during the test year by taking into account
8 the AUT rate change, the change from the general rate case, and any rate
9 adders. In light of these concerns, Staff may wish to modify the UE 228
10 stipulation so that it does not apply to the load forecast in the power cost
11 docket when a general rate case filing is processed at the same time as the
12 power cost filing.

13 **Q. WHAT OTHER MATTER WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADDRESS?**

14 A. Staff anticipates that other parties to this docket will propose adjustments to
15 PGE's forecasted power costs. Staff reserves the opportunity to testify
16 regarding these adjustments in its next round of testimony.

17 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

18 A. Yes.

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STAFF EXHIBIT 101

Witness Qualification Statement

May 27, 2014

WITNESS QUALIFICATION STATEMENT

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EDUCATION: Bachelor of Science, Engineering, University of Maryland

EXPERIENCE: I have been employed at the Oregon Public Utility Commission (Commission) since August of 2012. My current responsibilities include analysis and technical support for electric power cost recovery proceedings, with an emphasis on variable power costs and purchases from qualifying facilities. Prior to working for the OPUC I was an engineer in the Strategic Planning division for Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) in Gainesville, Florida. My responsibilities at GRU included analysis, design and support for generation economic dispatch modeling, wholesale power transactions, net metering, integrated resource planning, distributed solar generation and fuel (coal and natural gas) planning. Previous to working for GRU, I was a staff design engineer for Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) where my responsibilities included design of control and communications system in support of water and hydro operations.

I am a registered professional engineer in both Oregon and Florida.

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STAFF EXHIBIT 102

**Exhibits in Support
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Exhibit 102 Variance between Mid-C AUT Market Price forecast and actuals

A	B	C	D	E
Month	Average [forecast-actual] (\$/MWh)			AVG
	2011	2012	2013	2011-2013
January	8.17	5.98	6.05	\$ 6.73
February	11.42	7.14	6.81	\$ 8.46
March	12.85	11.77	-0.40	\$ 8.07
April	6.87	15.82	2.80	\$ 8.50
May	0.09	11.19	-2.62	\$ 2.89
June	0.27	8.07	-12.91	\$ (1.52)
July	9.26	17.98	1.35	\$ 9.53
August	10.86	14.30	4.41	\$ 9.86
September	6.70	10.89	5.95	\$ 7.84
October	10.40	5.92	1.27	\$ 5.86
November	8.06	8.89	3.59	\$ 6.85
December	16.06	17.03	-6.45	\$ 8.88
Average	\$ 8.43	\$ 11.27	\$ 0.78	\$ 6.83

Average 2011-2013 Natural Gas (Forecast-Actual)

HUB	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Opal	0.28	0.42	0.48	0.30	0.19	0.22	0.25	0.39	0.37	0.28	0.41	0.39	0.33
AECO	0.01	0.19	0.24	0.07	-0.02	0.03	0.08	0.23	0.15	0.05	0.09	0.12	0.10
Sumas	0.50	0.59	0.50	0.29	0.18	0.25	0.33	0.52	0.48	0.25	0.48	0.39	0.40
Malin	0.25	0.44	0.46	0.29	0.20	0.24	0.24	0.43	0.38	0.29	0.40	0.38	0.33

Difference between 2015 AUT Natural Gas Curve and 2014 AUT Natural Gas Curve by month

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
% Difference	39%	40%	34%	9%	11%	11%	8%	5%	6%	5%	10%	11%
	39%	39%	36%	10%	8%	9%	9%	9%	8%	7%	7%	8%
	31%	30%	28%	10%	9%	8%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	8%
	37%	35%	34%	14%	12%	11%	9%	8%	7%	8%	10%	11%

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2	Exhibit 103 PGE Power Cost Forecast (AUT) vs. Actual (PCAM) 2008-2012 (\$MILLIONS)										
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4	PGE Power Cost										
5			base NVPC			Direct Access		Load	After	After	
6		AUT	Nov 15 Update			Adjusted		Adjusted	Deadband	Earnings	
7	Year	Docket	(\$Millions)*		PCAM	Base*	Actual	Variance	and share	Test	
8	2008	UE192	745		UE211	685	647	31.8	16.1	0	
9	2009	UE198	848		UE221	820	793	16.7	0	0	
10	2010	UE208	784		UE232	766	716	12.4	0	0	
11	2011	UE 215	728		UE256	706	669	34.3	17.3	5.5	refund
12	2012	UE 228	703		UE274	687	650	16.9	1.7	0	
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14					Total			112.1		5.5	
15								over collection		refund	
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* The base net variable power cost is updated the final time before inclusion in rates on November 15 of the AUT year. The base NVPC is adjusted for the effect of Direct Access elections before being compared to actual collections. This adjustment is reflected in the difference between column "C" and column "F".

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I certify that I have, this day, served the foregoing document upon all parties of record in this proceeding by delivering a copy in person or by mailing a copy properly addressed with first class postage prepaid, or by electronic mail pursuant to OAR 860-001-0180, to the following parties or attorneys of parties.

Dated this 27th day of May, 2014 at Salem, Oregon



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