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Re: UE\_\_\_\_ - 2013 Annual Power Cost Variance Mechanism

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Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned docket please find the following:

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• Patrick G. Hager and Alex Tooman (PGE/100-102, PGE/104)

Original and three copies of:

• Work Papers (non-confidential portions only)

Original and two copies of:

• Portland General Electric Company's Motion for Protective Order (with Proposed Protective Order)

Exhibit **PGE/103C** is confidential and will be submitted, along with the confidential work papers, after entry of a Protective Order.

These documents are being filed electronically. Hard copies will be sent via U.S. mail. An extra copy of this cover letter is enclosed. Please date stamp the extra copy and return it to me in the envelope provided.

Thank you in advance for your assistance

Sincerely

Patrick G. Hager

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# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OREGON

# Motion for Approval of Protective Order

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

June 3, 2014

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

### **OF OREGON**

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

Application for Annual Adjustment to Schedule 126 Under the Terms of the Annual Power Cost Variance Mechanism. MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Pursuant to ORCP 36(C)(7) and OAR 860-001-0080, Portland General Electric Company ("PGE") requests the issuance of a Protective Order in this proceeding. PGE believes good cause exists for the issuance of such an order to protect confidential market information and confidential business information, plans and strategies. In support of this Motion, PGE states:

1. Along with this motion, PGE has filed its 2013 Annual Power Cost Variance under Tariff Schedule 126. PGE has filed testimony regarding the power cost variance and the operation of the mechanism to the 2013 power cost variance. An exhibit to the testimony and certain work papers that support the testimony filed by PGE in this docket include confidential, sensitive business information, including PGE's timing of and prices for electricity purchases and sales, fuel purchases and other contracts. PGE anticipates that there may be requests for further confidential information during this docket as well. PGE desires to provide the information, but the information is confidential, sensitive business information and of significant commercial value, and its public disclosure could be detrimental to PGE and its customers.

2. The Commission should therefore issue a Protective Order to protect the confidentiality of that material. The requested order, identical to the one that the Commission customarily issues, is attached.

For the reasons stated above, PGE requests that a protective order be issued in this proceeding.

DATED this day of June, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

## OF OREGON

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In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

Application for Annual Adjustment to Schedule 126 Under the Terms of the Annual Power Cost Variance Mechanism. GENERAL PROTECTIVE ORDER

DISPOSITION:

MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER GRANTED

On June 3, 2014, Portland General Electric Company ("PGE") filed a motion for a general protective order with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission). PGE states that the order is needed to protect confidential customer information and confidential business plans and strategies. Specifically, PGE states that an exhibit to its filed testimony and certain work papers supporting the testimony include confidential, sensitive business information, including PGE's timing of and prices for electricity purchases and sales, fuel purchases and other contracts. PGE adds that the public release of this information could prejudice PGE and its customers. PGE anticipates that there may be requests for further confidential information during this docket as well.

I find that good cause exists to issue a general protective order, which is attached as Appendix A. The order permits the broadest possible discovery consistent with the need to protect confidential information. It shields no specific documents and makes no judgment about whether any particular document contains a trade secret or commercially sensitive information. Rather, the order adopts a process for resolving discovery disputes that include sensitive information.

The order permits any party to designate information as confidential if the party reasonably believes that the information falls within the scope of ORCP 36(C)(7). The confidential designation must be made in good faith and be limited to only those portions of the document that qualify as a protected trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information. Any other party may challenge the designation of information as confidential. The designating party bears the burden of showing that the challenged information is covered by ORCP 36(C)(7).

Confidential information may be disclosed only to a "qualified person" as defined in paragraph 3 of the general protective order. The authors of the confidential

material, the Commission, Administrative Law Judges (ALJs), Commission Staff, and counsel of record for a party or persons directly employed by counsel are "qualified persons" and may review confidential information without individually signing the general protective order. Other persons wanting access to confidential information must become qualified under paragraph 10.

To receive confidential information, all parties except Commission Staff must sign the "consent to be bound" in section I of Appendix B. This includes the party that moved for issuance of the general protective order because any party may designate information as confidential under the order. By signing the "consent to be bound," a party agrees to be bound by the terms of the general protective order and certifies that it has an interest in the proceedings that is not adequately represented by other parties to the proceedings.

All persons given access to confidential information must monitor their own conduct to ensure compliance with the general protective order. Without the written permission of the designating party, no person may use or disclose the information for any purpose other than participating in these proceedings. All qualified persons must take reasonable precautions to keep confidential information secure. Questions regarding whether a particular person is a "qualified person" under the general protective order may be directed to the Administrative Hearings Division at (503) 378-6678.

#### ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the General Protective Order, attached as Appendix A, governs the disclosure of confidential information in these proceedings.

Made, entered, and effective on _	·
	[Judge's name]
	Administrative Law Judge

A party may appeal this order to the Commission under OAR 860-001-0420.

### GENERAL PROTECTIVE ORDER

DOCKET NO. UE

# **Scope of this Order:**

1. This order governs the acquisition and use of Confidential Information in these proceedings.

### **Definitions:**

- 2. "Confidential Information" is information that falls within the scope of ORCP 36(C)(7) ("a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information").
  - 3. A "Qualified Person" is an individual who is:
    - a. An author, addressee, or originator of Confidential Information;
    - b. A Commissioner, Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), or Commission Staff:
    - c. Counsel of record for a party;
    - d. A person employed directly by counsel of record; or
    - e. A person qualified under paragraph 10, including parties and their employees.

# **Designation of Confidential Information:**

4. A party providing Confidential Information must inform other parties that the material has been designated confidential by placing the following legend on the material:

# CONFIDENTIAL SUBJECT TO GENERAL PROTECTIVE ORDER

To the extent practicable, the party may designate as confidential only the portions of the material covered by ORCP 36(C)(7).

- 5. A party may designate as confidential any information previously provided by giving written notice to the other parties. Parties in possession of newly designated Confidential Information must, when feasible, ensure that all copies of the information bear the above legend if requested by the designating party.
- 6. Any other party may challenge the designation of information as confidential by notifying the designating party. Once notified, the designating party bears the burden of showing that the challenged information is covered by ORCP 36(C)(7).

### **Information Given to the Commission:**

7. Confidential Information filed or provided to the Commission or its Staff must be printed on yellow paper and placed in a sealed envelope or other appropriate container.

Only the portions of a document that fall within ORCP 36(C)(7) may be placed in the envelope/container. The envelope/container must bear the legend:

THIS ENVELOPE IS SEALED UNDER ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_ AND CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. THE INFORMATION MAY BE SHOWN ONLY TO QUALIFIED PERSONS AS DEFINED IN THE ORDER.

# **Disclosure of Confidential Information:**

- 8. To receive Confidential Information, all parties except Commission Staff must sign the "consent to be bound" in section I of Appendix B. Confidential Information may not be disclosed to any person other than a Qualified Person. When feasible, Confidential Information must be delivered to counsel. In the alternative, Confidential Information may be made available for inspection and review by Qualified Persons in a place and time agreeable to the parties or as directed by the ALJ.
- 9. A Qualified Person may disclose Confidential Information to any other Qualified Person associated with the same party, unless the designating party objects under paragraph 11.
  - 10. To become a Qualified Person under paragraph 3(e), a person must:
    - a. Read a copy of this general protective order;
    - b. Execute a statement acknowledging that the order has been read and agreeing to be bound by the terms of the order;
    - c. Date the statement;
    - d. Provide a name, address, employer, and job title; and
    - e. If the person is a consultant or advisor for a party, provide a description of the nature of the person's consulting or advising practice, including the identity of current, past, and expected clients.

Counsel must deliver a copy of the signed statement including the information in (d) and (e) to the designating party and to all parties of record. The notification may be made by electronic mail or facsimile. A person qualified under paragraph 3(e) may not have access to Confidential Information sooner than seven days after the designating party receives a copy of the signed statement.

11. All Qualified Persons may have access to Confidential Information unless the designating party objects as provided in this paragraph. The designating party must provide written notice to the Qualified Person and counsel for the party associated with the Qualified Person as soon as the designating party becomes aware of reasons to restrict access. The parties must promptly confer and attempt to resolve any dispute over access to Confidential Information on an informal basis before filing a motion with the ALJ. After receipt of the

written notice as required in this paragraph, the specific Confidential Information may not be disclosed to the Qualified Person until the issue is resolved.

# **Preservation of Confidentiality:**

12. Without the written permission of the designating party, any person given access to Confidential Information under this order may not use or disclose Confidential Information for any purpose other than participating in these proceedings. All Qualified Persons must take reasonable precautions to keep Confidential Information secure. Disclosure of Confidential Information for purposes of business competition is strictly prohibited.

A Qualified Person may reproduce Confidential Information to the extent necessary to participate in these proceedings. A Qualified Person may disclose Confidential Information only to other Qualified Persons associated with the same party.

### **Duration of Protection:**

13. The Commission will preserve the confidentiality of Confidential Information for a period of five years from the date of the final order in these proceedings, unless extended by the Commission at the request of the designating party. The Commission will notify the designating party at least two weeks prior to the release of Confidential Information.

# **Destruction After Proceedings:**

14. Counsel of record may retain memoranda, pleadings, testimony, discovery, or other documents containing Confidential Information to the extent reasonably necessary to maintain a file of these proceedings or to comply with requirements imposed by another governmental agency or court order. The information retained may not be disclosed to any person. Any other person retaining Confidential Information must destroy or return it to the designating party within 90 days after final resolution of these proceedings unless the designating party consents in writing to retention of the Confidential Information. This paragraph does not apply to the Commission or its Staff.

# **Appeal to the Presiding Officer:**

15. Any party may request that the ALJ conduct a conference to help resolve disputes related to this protective order.

A party challenging the designation of information as confidential may file an objection with the ALJ that identifies the information in dispute and includes a certification that reasonable efforts to achieve an informal resolution have been unsuccessful. Within seven days of the objection, unless otherwise ordered by the ALJ, the designating party must either remove the confidential designation or file a written response identifying the legal basis for the claim of confidentiality. The challenging party may file a written reply to any

response within seven days. If the designating party does not timely respond to the motion, the Commission will remove the confidential designation from the challenged information.

#### **Additional Protection:**

- 16. If a designating party seeks additional protection for Confidential Information, the party may move for any of the remedies in ORCP 36(C). The motion must include:
  - a. The parties involved;
  - b. The exact nature of the information involved;
  - c. The legal basis for the claim that the information is protected under ORCP 36(C)(7) or the Public Records Law;
  - d. The exact nature of the relief requested;
  - e. The specific reasons the requested relief is necessary; and
  - f. A detailed description of the intermediate measures, including selected redaction, explored by the parties and why these measures are insufficient.

Pending the Commission's ruling on a motion for additional protection, the information involved need not be released.

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# I. Consent to be Bound:

This general proceedings.	protective order governs the use o	of Confidential Information in these
	certifies that it has an interest in the	o be bound by the terms of the general these proceedings that is not adequately
represented by other j	parties to the proceedings.	
Signature:		
Printed Name:		
Date:		
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	PRINTED NAME	DATE

# **SIGNATORY PAGE**

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# III. Persons Qualified under Paragraph 3(e):

I have read the general protective order, agree to be bound by the terms of the order, and will provide the information identified in paragraph 10.

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day caused 2013 ANNUAL POWER COST VARIANCE MECHANISM, TESTIMONY, EXHIBITS, WORK PAPERS (CONFIDENTIAL EXCLUDED), AND MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER [WITH PROPOSED PROTECTIVE ORDER] to be served by electronic mail to those parties whose email addresses appear on the attached service list for OPUC Docket No. UE 274, PGE's last PCAM docket.

DATED at Portland, Oregon, this 3rd day of JUNE, 2014.

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# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OREGON

# UE \_\_\_ 2013 PCAM

# PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

**Direct Testimony and Exhibits** 



**Portland General Electric** 

June 3, 2014

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## I. Introduction

- 1 Q. Please state your names and positions with PGE.
- 2 A. My name is Patrick G. Hager. I am the Manager of Regulatory Affairs at PGE.
- 3 My name is Alex Tooman. I am a project manager at PGE.
- 4 Our qualifications appear at the end of this testimony.
- 5 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?
- A. The purpose of our testimony is two-fold. First, we describe the 2013 Power Cost Variance (PCV), including base and actual power costs. Second, we describe how we determined the deferred amount for power costs using the Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism (PCAM) authorized by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC or Commission) in Order No. 07-015 (Docket UE 180) and established in PGE Schedule 126. In summary, because the Annual Variance of \$11.0 million (i.e., actual power costs greater than forecasted power costs) is entirely within the power cost deadbands, the 2013 PCV and deferral are zero. <sup>1</sup>
  - Q. Please summarize the process used in the PCAM.

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The first step in the process compares PGE's actual unit Net Variable Power Costs (NVPC) 14 15 with our Base Unit NVPC and then multiplies the difference by actual load to determine an Annual Variance. We then apply asymmetrical power cost deadbands to the Annual 16 Variance followed by 90-10 percent sharing between customers and shareholders to develop 17 18 the PCV. After this, we apply a symmetrical Return On Equity (ROE) deadband to an earnings test to determine how much, if any, of the final PCV should be collected from or 19 20 refunded to customers (see PGE Exhibit 101 for a summary of the PCV calculation). If there is a collection from or refund to customers, this amount is then posted to PGE's PCV 21

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In our testimony, any negative or credit amounts are signified as (\$\_\_\_\_\_).

- account where it will accrue interest at PGE's authorized rate of return, until the
  Commission approves amortization. Finally, if there is a collection from or refund to
  customers, PGE would amortize the PCV balance through Schedule 126, which is an
- 4 Automatic Adjustment Clause as defined in ORS 757.210.

# 5 Q. Are there Minimum Filing Requirements (MFRs) associated with the PCAM?

- A. Yes. In PGE's 2007 PCAM (Docket No. UE 201), parties agreed to MFRs for future PCAMs. The MFRs specify that work papers to PGE's PCAM filing include the following:
- Monthly transaction-level detail by ledger number that is used to summarize actual
   power costs as provided in PGE Exhibit 103C.
  - Detail regarding PGE's out-of-period adjustments.
- 11 As specified, confidential work papers to this filing include the required documentation.

# 12 Q. How is your testimony organized?

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A. We begin by describing in greater detail how PGE calculated the PCV as determined by the
Annual Variance and the power cost deadband. We then briefly describe PGE's PCAM
earnings review although it is not applicable for 2013. The last section contains our
qualifications.

### II. Calculation of PCV

#### A. Base Power Costs

# **Q.** What is the first step in calculating the PCV?

- 2 A. The first step is to identify PGE's baseline NVPC, which are based on the final power cost
- forecasts that PGE created for UE 250, the 2013 Annual Power Cost Update (AUT -
- Schedule 125) using our power cost forecasting model, Monet.<sup>2</sup> The Monet result
- 5 establishes the unadjusted baseline NVPC of approximately \$651.1 million for 2013.

# 6 Q. Did you apply any adjustments to derive these base costs?

- 7 A. Yes. From the unadjusted baseline NVPC, we reduced power costs by another \$2.3 million
- 8 to recognize steam sales from our Coyote Springs plant (as forecasted in UE 215). We
- 9 applied this adjustment as directed by the Commission in Order No. 07-015 to achieve
- adjusted baseline power costs.
- 11 Q. Did you apply an adjustment for Ancillary Service Revenues as also directed by
- 12 Commission in Order No. 07-015?
- 13 A. No. Because this revenue was incorporated directly into the Monet baseline power costs as
- filed in UE 215, there is no Ancillary Service adjustment necessary to calculate the 2013
- 15 PCV.

### O. Did you apply an adjustment related to direct access and variable price option load?

- 17 A. Yes. PGE reduced power costs related to the additional 39.8 MWa of 2013 direct access
- and variable price option load that had not been identified at the time the final Monet

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> PGE has described the Monet model in the last seven general rate proceedings (i.e., UE 115, UE 180, UE 188, UE 197, UE 215, UE 262, and UE 283) as well as previous RVM filings (Resource Valuation Mechanism – UE 139, UE 149, UE 161, and UE 172) and AUT filings (Annual Update Tariff – UE 192, UE 208, UE 228, and UE 250). Consequently, we incorporate those descriptions by reference.

- forecast was prepared in November 2012. This reduced base power costs by another
- \$11.4 million and, of course, it also reduced the base loads used to determine unit NVPC.
- 3 Q. Did you apply any other adjustments to the Monet output?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. What were the final baseline NVPC?
- 6 A. After the adjustments described above, baseline NVPC for 2013 were approximately
- 7 \$637.3 million.

### **B.** Actual Power Costs

- 8 Q. What is the next step in calculating the PCV?
- 9 A. The next step is to calculate PGE's actual NVPC for 2013. We begin this step by
- identifying PGE's variable power costs as charged to the following FERC accounts: 501,
- 547, 555, and 565. We then include the amount of sales for resale, as charged to FERC 447.
- For 2013, this net amount is approximately \$676.9 million. To this amount, we apply a
- number of adjustments as listed in Table 1, and described below.

Table 1
Adjustments to Actual 2013 Power Costs (\$000)

Actual NVPC per financial statements (see Exhibit 103C)		\$676,850
Items to Exclude:		
FAS 133/71, mark-to-market deferrals	subtract	0
Credit reserve activity	subtract	24
Out of period items	subtract	0
Green power costs billed directly to customers	subtract	6,427
Direct access deferral amortization	subtract	(538)
Solar Payment Option - Sch205/206 avoided costs	subtract	401
Items to Include:		
Fuel Related:		
Gas resale margin	add	(3,575)
Oil resale	add	(2,503)
Coyote steam sales	add	(2,004)
Transmission resale revenues	add	(4,032)
Biglow availability (credit)/charge	add	1,292
Energy revenues for variable price option customers	add	(23,666)
Colstrip chemical costs in O&M	add	1,346
Adjusted Actual NVPC*		\$637,393

<sup>\*</sup>May not sum due to rounding

# 1 Q. Please describe the adjustments PGE applies to exclude costs from its actual NVPC.

- 2 A. PGE excluded the following costs from actual NVPC:
- A charge of approximately \$24,000 for reserve activity related to non-retail customers
   during the PCAM period.
- \$6.4 million for green power expenses that are billed directly to customers through
   Schedules 7 and 32. Consequently, they should not be included when calculating
   the PCV.
- A credit of approximately (\$0.5 million) for the direct access deferral amortization.

  This credit was recorded to FERC account 447 and represents the deferral of the net

  gain on power costs associated with the large non-residential load shift true up. This

  credit is recovered through a supplemental schedule.

• A charge of approximately \$0.4 million for the avoided costs associated with PGE's

Solar Payment Option (SPO – Schedules 215, 216, and 217).<sup>3</sup> To eliminate double

counting, this entry removes the increase to power costs that is associated with the

avoided cost benefit that is applied to the SPO deferral.

# O. What adjustments did PGE make to include items in actual NVPC?

6 A. PGE included the following items in actual NVPC:

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- A credit of approximately (\$2.0 million) for actual steam sale revenues from the
   Coyote Springs 1 plant.
- A credit of approximately (\$3.6 million) for gas resale margin.
- A credit of approximately (\$2.5 million) for oil resale revenues. PGE's oil resale
  was the result of fine-tuning our oil inventory level to the established reliability
  reserve, which has not changed.
- A credit of approximately (\$23.7 million) for energy revenues from variable price option customers.
  - A charge of approximately \$1.3 million for the Biglow Canyon availability adjustment.
     This charge effectively offsets lower purchased power costs due to Biglow Canyon having a higher availability factor than contracted.
  - A charge of approximately \$1.3 million for chemical costs associated with Colstrip pollution control requirements. In summary, the Colstrip chemical costs are forecasted in the AUT and, until 2011, the Colstrip chemical costs had been booked to actual power costs. Beginning in 2012, however, these costs are being booked to operations and maintenance costs because the chemicals are injected after the fuel burn. Consequently,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Previously known as the Solar Feed-in Tariff, Schedules 205 and 206.

- we add them to the PCAM to accurately match the components of actual and baseline power costs.
- A credit of approximately (\$4.0 million) for transmission resale revenues, net of lost
   transmission revenues from direct access customers.

# 5 Q. Why did you include a credit for transmission resale revenues in actual power costs?

- 6 A. We did so because it is similar to gas and oil resales. In all these categories, the associated
- fuel and wheeling expense is in power costs but the resale revenue is recorded in Other
- Revenue. To correctly reflect the <u>net</u> power costs associated with these categories, we
- 9 adjust power costs to reflect the resale revenue.

# 10 Q. Are sales of ancillary services included in actual NVPC?

- 11 A. No. In 2013, there was no opportunity for these sales. Consequently, there was no revenue
- from the sales of ancillary services in FERC account 447.

# 13 Q. What is the final actual NVPC?

A. After all the adjustments described above, the final actual NVPC total is approximately \$637.4 million.

### C. Unit Power Costs and Annual Variance

# 16 Q. What is the next step in calculating the PCV?

- 17 A. The next step is to unitize the base and actual NVPC so as to calculate a unit NVPC
- variance. To accomplish this, we divide base NVPC and actual NVPC by base loads and
- actual loads, respectively. In both cases, we use retail cost of service loads. The unit NVPC
- variance is calculated by subtracting base unit NVPC from actual unit NVPC. We perform
- this step to eliminate the power cost variance that would arise from changes in load.

# Q. What is the unit NVPC variance and how do you calculate the Annual Variance?

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- A. Although PGE Exhibit 101 lists the PCV on a monthly basis, the unit NVPC variance for
- 2 purposes of the PCAM is based on annual amounts. For 2013, the unit NVPC variance is
- approximately \$0.65 per MWh (i.e., actual unit NVPC greater than base unit NVPC). We
- then calculate the Annual Variance by multiplying the unit NVPC variance times actual
- 5 load. This produces an Annual Variance of approximately \$11.0 million.

#### D. PCV

# 6 Q. What is the final step in calculating the PCV?

- 7 A. The final step is to apply the deadband and sharing percentages, if applicable, to the Annual
- Variance. Because we focus on the earnings test and return on equity (ROE) deadband in
- 9 the next section, we only discuss the power cost deadband here.

# 10 Q. What is the power cost deadband?

- 11 A. Beginning January 1, 2011, the power cost deadband is calculated based on Commission
- Order No. 10-478 (Appendix D, page 3 of 11), which specifies the following:
- \$30 million for a positive Annual Variance; and
- (\$15 million) for a negative Annual Variance.
- This update is reflected in Schedule 126, which became effective January 1, 2011.

# 16 Q. What was the final PCV after application of the sharing percents?

- 17 A. Because the deadband amount of \$30.0 million is greater than PGE's annual variance of
- \$11.0 million, we do not apply sharing percentages to determine a final PCV. As such, PGE
- will absorb the entire variance.

## III. Earnings Review

# 1 Q. Has PGE performed an earnings review with which to calculate the ROE deadband?

- 2 A. Yes. We performed this review initially as part of our annual requirement to provide a
- Results of Operations (ROO) Report to the OPUC Staff, which we submitted on
- May 6, 2014. Because the ROO incorporates all aspects of the PCAM earnings review,
- 5 PGE uses it as the basis for the ROE deadband. We include it as PGE Exhibit 102.

# 6 Q. What is the ROE deadband?

- 7 A. The ROE deadband is +/-100 basis points of PGE's authorized ROE, which for 2013
- is 10.0% (Commission Order No. 10-478). If PGE's earnings are below 9.0%, then we
- 9 would collect the PCV up to the point where the ROE is 9.0%. Alternatively, if PGE's
- earnings are above 11.0%, then we would refund the PCV down to the point where the ROE
- is 11.0%.

# 12 O. What was PGE's final 2013 ROE including the PCV?

- A. PGE's final 2013 ROE is 6.43%, which is below the 9.0% earnings deadband. As noted in
- Section II. D. above, the annual variance is within the power cost deadbands, so the PCV is
- not subject to the earnings review. Consequently, there is no customer collection (or refund)
- associated with the 2013 PCAM.
- Q. Does PGE provide earnings test ROE results that separately identify the impact of the
- PCAM amount as specified in item 4 of the UE 201 stipulation (see Commission
- 19 **Order No. 08-551)?**
- 20 A. Yes. PGE Exhibit 104 provides the stipulated ROE results; however, because the final 2013
- 21 PCAM amount equals zero, there is no impact from this entry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This is the earnings test result that includes the relevant adjustments from Commission Order No. 10-478 and the OPUC letter regarding the calculation of ROOs dated March 25, 1992.

- Q. What is the rate impact of the 2013 PCAM?
- 2 A. Because the 2012 PCAM also entailed no refund to or collection from customers, there is no
- 3 rate impact associated with the 2013 PCAM.

# IV. Qualifications

- 1 Q. Mr. Hager, please state your educational background and experience.
- 2 A. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from Santa Clara University in 1975
- and a Master of Arts degree in Economics from the University of California at Davis
- 4 in 1978. In 1995, I passed the examination for the Certified Rate of Return Analyst
- 5 (CRRA). In 2000, I obtained the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation.
- I have taught several introductory and intermediate classes in economics at the
- 7 University of California at Davis and at California State University Sacramento. In addition,
- I taught intermediate finance classes at Portland State University. Between 1996 and 2004, I
- 9 served on the Board of Directors for the Society of Utility and Regulatory Financial
- Analysts (SURFA), and I now serve on the Board of Directors for the Advantis Credit
- 11 Union and SURFA.
- I have been employed at PGE since 1984, beginning as a business analyst. I have
- worked in a variety of positions at PGE since 1984, including power supply. My current
- position is Manager, Regulatory Affairs.
- 15 Q. Mr. Tooman, please state your educational background and experience.
- 16 A. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and Finance from the Ohio State
- 17 University in 1976. I received a Master of Arts degree in Economics from the University of
- Tennessee in 1993 and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Tennessee in 1995. I
- have held managerial accounting positions in a variety of industries and have taught
- 20 economics at the undergraduate level for the University of Tennessee, Tennessee Wesleyan
- College, Western Oregon University, and Linfield College. Finally, I have worked for PGE
- in the Rates and Regulatory Affairs department since 1996.

- 1 Q. Does this complete your testimony?
- 2 A. Yes.

# **List of Exhibits**

PGE Exhibit	<b>Description</b>
101	Summary Calculation of PCV
102	2013 Results of Operations as filed May 6, 2014
103C	<b>Actual Power Costs by Month and FERC Account</b>
104	2013 Results of Operations with segregated PCAM amount

PGE Power Cost Variance Mechanism (P	CAM)					DECEMBER	2013						Hager - Tooman Page1
`	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Total
BASE MONET NVPC (\$000s)													
MONET (AUT/GRC) (Nov15, Pre-Selection)	\$ 62,856 \$	55,497 \$	57,241 \$	49,259 \$	50,070 \$	48,720 \$	51,512 \$	52,589 \$	50,190 \$	53,559 \$	57,221 \$	62,355 \$	651,071
Adjust- from MONET to ORDER NVPC No outboard adjustments for 2013	_											\$	-
ORDER NVPC (PRE-SELECTION)	\$ 62,856 \$	55,497 \$	57,241 \$	49,259 \$	50,070 \$	48,720 \$	51,512 \$	52,589 \$	50,190 \$	53,559 \$	57,221 \$	62,355 \$	651,071
Adjust-from ORDER to BASE NVPC Coyote Steam Sales in AUT/GRC - Other Rev Nov Opt-Outs to MONET NVPC	\$ (193) \$ \$ (1,059) \$	(193) \$ (929) \$	(193) \$ (857) \$	(193) \$ (692) \$	(193) \$ (568) \$	(193) \$ (425) \$	(193) \$ (1,066) \$	(193) \$ (1,274) \$	(193) \$ (1,132) \$	(193) \$ (1,061) \$	(193) \$ (1,097) \$	(193) \$ (1,244) \$	(2,319) (11,404)
REVISED BASE NVPC (Post-Select, COS)	\$ 61,604 \$	54,375 \$	56,191 \$	48,374 \$	49,308 \$	48,102 \$	50,253 \$	51,122 \$	48,866 \$	52,306 \$	55,930 \$	60,918 \$	637,348
BASE LOADS (MWHs)	_												
ORDER Retail Loads (Pre-Selection, COS) Dec Opt-Outs to ORDER Retail Loads	1,689,757 (29,066)	1,463,382 (26,538)	1,527,055 (28,513)	1,383,913 (27,042)	1,367,442 (28,654)	1,332,260 (29,290)	1,454,130 (32,441)	1,453,574 (32,128)	1,339,971 (28,782)	1,398,254 (29,505)	1,509,675 (28,051)	1,708,525 (28,506)	17,627,938 (348,516)
BASE LOADS (Retail, w-DEC Opt-Outs, COS)	1,660,691	1,436,844	1,498,542	1,356,871	1,338,788	1,302,970	1,421,689	1,421,446	1,311,189	1,368,748	1,481,625	1,680,020	17,279,422
BASE UNIT NVPC	\$ 37.10 \$	37.84 \$	37.50 \$	35.65 \$	36,83 \$	36.92 \$	35,35 \$	35.96 \$	37.27 \$	38.21 \$	37.75 \$	36,26 \$	36.88
ACTUAL / FORECAST	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	
Actual / Forecast NVPC (no Other Rev)	\$ 62,814 \$	55,274 \$	57,494 \$	44,744 \$	46,072 \$	44,299 \$	56,352 \$	55,145 \$	57,079 \$	60,391 \$	59,921 \$	77,265 \$	676,850
EXCLUDE: Credit Reserve - Expense	\$ (8) \$	(1)	· 		741	23 \$	/n\ e	87. a 812 (157 <b>. x</b> + <b>3</b> 11		en e		49.6	24
FAS 133/71 - MTM/Deferral	\$ (6) \$	(2) \$ - \$	6 \$ (0) \$	0 \$ 0 \$	(1) \$ - \$	23 \$ 0 \$	(0) \$ 0 \$	(4) \$ - \$	(0) \$ 0 \$	(2) \$ 0 \$	0 \$ 0 \$	13 \$ 0 \$	24 0
Out-of-Period Adjustments	\$ - \$	• \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	
Direct Access deferral amortization - 4470004 Green Power expenses in 5550006 & 4171007	\$ (91) \$ \$ 869 \$	(58) \$ 646 \$	(48) \$ 581 \$	(37) \$ 539 \$	(47) \$ 529 \$	(28) \$ 525 \$	(32) \$ (3) \$	(31) \$ 502 \$	(31) \$ 501 \$	(30) \$ 456 \$	(37) \$ 503 \$	(69) \$ 779 \$	(538) 6,427
Solar Pymt Option-SPO (was FIT) - avoided costs	\$ 9 \$	9 \$	12 \$	19 \$	29 \$	36 \$	29 \$	67 \$	72 \$	57 \$	35 \$	27 \$	401
Subtotal Exclusions	\$ 778 \$	596 \$	551 \$	522 \$	509 \$	555 \$	(6) \$	534 \$	542 \$	480 \$	502 \$	751 \$	6,315
INCLUDE:													
Coyote Steam Sales - 4560001, 4560012	\$ (157) \$	(158) \$	(157) \$	(130) \$	(92) \$	(111) \$	(229) \$	(190) \$	(215) \$	(222) \$	(165) \$	(179) \$	(2,004)
Gas Resale Margin - 4560008 Add Oil Sales - Revenue - 4560011	\$ (63) \$ \$ - \$	(117) \$ - \$	(413) \$ - \$	(709) \$ - \$	149 \$ - \$	(232) \$ - \$	(82) \$ - \$	(97) \$ - \$	(1,286) \$ - \$	(418) \$ (410) \$	(186) \$ (1,135) \$	(121) \$ (958) \$	(3,575) (2,503)
Biglow availability (damages)/bonus - 5530001	\$ 144 \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- š	- \$	- š	- \$	(51) \$	(410, 3	(1,133) \$	1.199 \$	1,292
Energy Revenues from VPO customers	\$ (1,916) \$	(1,666) \$	(1,938) \$	(1,527) \$	(1,560) \$	(1,680) \$	(1,939) \$	(2,263) \$	(2,022) \$	(2,182) \$	(2,026) \$	(2,946) \$	(23,666)
Transmission resale revenues Colstrip chemical costs in 5010010 (O&M)	\$ (175) \$ \$ 219 \$	(105) \$ 102 \$	(213) \$ 73 \$	(541) \$ 128 \$	(490) \$ 36 \$	(449) \$ 169 \$	(597) \$ 118 \$	(468) \$ 102 \$	(452) \$ 177 \$	(147) \$ 102 \$	(188) \$ 33 \$	(209) \$ 89 \$	(4,032) 1,346
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Subtotal Inclusions	\$ (1,948) \$	(1,945) \$	(2,648) \$	(2,779) \$	(1,956) \$	(2,303) \$	(2,730) \$	(2,915) \$	(3,849) \$	(3,276) \$	(3,667) \$	(3,126) \$	(33,142)
REVISED ACTUAL NVPC	\$ 60,088 \$	52,733 \$	54,295 \$	41,443 \$	43,606 \$	41,441 \$	53,628 \$	51,695 \$	52,688 \$	56,635 \$	55,752 \$	73,388 \$	637,393
ACTUAL/FCST LOADS (Retail-COS-Calendar)	<b>1,685,264</b> d 1.685,264	<b>1,381,567</b> 3,066,831	<b>1,414,387</b> 4,481,218	<b>1,287,418</b> 5,768,636	<b>1,284,855</b> 7.053,492	<b>1,252,723</b> 8,306,215	<b>1,409,747</b> 9,715,962	<b>1,413,138</b> 11,129,099	<b>1,300,427</b> 12,429,526	<b>1,351,524</b> 13,781,051	<b>1,438,573</b> 15,219,624	<b>1,762,397</b> 16,982,021	16,982,021
ACTUAL UNIT NVPC	\$ 35.65 \$	38.17 \$	38.39 \$	32.19 \$	33.94 \$	33,08 \$	38.04 \$	36.58 \$	40.52 \$	41.90 \$	38.76 \$	41.64 \$	37.53
UNIT NVPC VARIANCE													
ACTUAL UNIT NVPC	\$ 35.65 \$	38.17 \$	38.39 \$	32.19 \$	33.94 \$	33.08 \$	38.04 \$	36.58 \$	40.52 \$	41.90 \$	38.76 \$	41.64 \$	37.53
BASE UNIT NVPC	\$ 37.10 \$	37.84 \$	37.50 \$	35.65 \$	36.83 \$	36.92 \$	35.35 \$	35.96 \$	37.27 \$	38.21 \$	37.75 \$	36.26 \$	36.88
ACTUALS ABOVE (BELOW) BASE UNIT NVPC	\$ (1.44) \$	0.33 \$	0.89 \$	(3.46) \$	(2.89) \$	(3.84) \$	2.69 \$	0.62 \$	3.25 \$	3,69 \$	1.01 \$	5.38 \$	0.65
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ACTUALS ABOVE (BELOW) BASE ACTUALS ABOVE (BELOW) BASE - YTD	\$ (2,428) \$ \$ (2,428) \$	450 \$ (1,978) \$	1,259 \$ (718) \$	(4,455) \$ (5,173) \$	(3,716) \$ (8,888) \$	(4,806) \$ (13,694) \$	3,798 \$ (9,896) \$	873 \$ (9,024) \$	4,224 \$ (4,800) \$	4,987 \$ 187 \$	1,447 \$ 1,634 \$	9,483 \$ 11,117	11,015
Positive Deadband - Actuals ABOVE Base	\$ 30,000 \$	30,000 \$	30,000 \$	30,000 \$	30,000 \$	30,000 \$	30,000 \$	30,000 \$	30,000 \$	30,000 \$	30,000 \$	30,000 \$	30,000
Negative Deadband - Actuals BELOW Base Variance at 100%	\$ (15,000) \$ \$ - \$	(15,000) \$	(15,000) \$	(15,000) \$	(15,000) \$	(15,000) \$	(15,000) \$	(15,000) \$	(15,000) \$	(15,000) \$	(15,000) \$	(15,000) \$	(15,000)
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# PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC OPUC REGULATORY REPORTING RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013 (Thousands of Dollars)

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Regulatory adjustments based on	Utility	Accounting	Utility	Type I	Adjusted	Type II	Pro Forma
Docket UE 215, Order 10-478	Results	Adjustments	Actuals	Adjustments	Results	Adjustments	Results
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Operating Revenues	(1)	(2)	(3)	(.)	(5)	(0)	(,,
Sales to Consumers	1,691,180	322	1,691,502	0	1,691,502	13,838	1,705,341
Sales for Resale	115,983	(115,983)	0	0	0	0	0
Other Operating Revenues	35,185	(12,115)	23,069	0	23,069	0	23,069
Total Operating Revenues	1,842,348	(127,777)	1,714,571	0	1,714,571	13,838	1,728,410
Total Operating revenues	1,042,510	(121,777)	1,71 1,571	Ů	1,711,071	15,050	1,720,410
Operation & Maintenance							
Net Variable Power Cost	792,534	(131,064)	661,470	0	661,470	(9,199)	652,271
Total Fixed O&M	219,723	56,662	276,384	0	276,384	(53,241)	223,143
Other O&M	217,100	2,138	219,238	(11,600)	207,637	2,302	209,940
Total Operation & Maintenance	1,229,357	(72,265)	1,157,092	(11,600)	1,145,491	(60,138)	1,085,353
Depreciation & Amortization	248,001	19,496	267,497	(22,896)	244,601	3,136	247,738
Other Taxes / Franchise Fee	102,359	0	102,359	0	102,359	1,137	103,496
Income Taxes	40,525	(23,040)	17,485	13,483	30,968	26,526	57,494
Total Oper. Expenses & Taxes	1,620,242	(75,809)	1,544,433	(21,013)	1,523,419	(29,339)	1,494,081
Utility Operating Income	222,107	(51,968)	170,139	21,013	191,152	43,177	234,329
ounty operating means	222,10	(51,500)	1.0,100	21,010	171,102	13,177	201,020
Rate of Return	7.28%		5.57%		6.26%		7.53%
Return on Equity	8.40%		5.09%		6.43%		9.25%
ROE based on actual capital structure.							
Average Rate Base							
Utility Plant in Service	6,872,583	0	6,872,583	0	6,872,583	179,768	7,052,351
Accumulated Depreciation	3,418,772	0	3,418,772	0	3,418,772	104,081	3,522,853
Accumulated Def. Income Taxes	488,819	0	488,819	0	488,819	9,296	498,114
Accumulated Def. Inv. Tax Credit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Net Utility Plant	2,964,993	0	2,964,993	0	2,964,993	66,391	3,031,384
Deferred Programs & Investments	11,989	895	12,884	0	12,884	3,571	16,455
Operating Materials & Fuel	73,721	0	73,721	0	73,721	(8,271)	65,450
Misc. Deferred Credits	(59,430)	0	(59,430)	0	(59,430)	(1,994)	(61,424)
Unamortized Ratepayer Gains	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Working Cash	57,912	2,039	59,951	(820)	59,132	(699)	58,433
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Total Average Rate Base	3,049,184	2,934	3,052,118	(820)	3,051,299	58,998	3,110,296

PGE Exhibit 103C is Confidential and will be provided upon execution of a Protective Order

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January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013 (Thousands of Dollars)

	Actual	Type I	Regulated		Regulated		Adjusted
Regulatory adjustments based on	Utility	Accounting	Utility	Type I	Adjusted	2013 PCAM	Results with
Docket UE 215, Order 10-478	Results	Adjustments	Actuals	Adjustments	Results	Accrual	PCAM
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Operating Revenues							
Sales to Consumers	1,691,180	322	1,691,502	0	1,691,502	0	1,691,502
Sales for Resale	115,983	(115,983)	0	0	0	0	0
Other Operating Revenues	35,185	(12,115)	23,069	0	23,069	0	23,069
Total Operating Revenues	1,842,348	(127,777)	1,714,571	0	1,714,571	0	1,714,571
Operation & Maintenance							
Net Variable Power Cost	792,534	(131,064)	661,470	0	661,470	0	661,470
Total Fixed O&M	219,723	56,662	276,384	0	276,384	0	276,384
Other O&M	217,100	2,138	219,238	(11,600)	207,637	0	207,637
Total Operation & Maintenance	1,229,357	(72,265)	1,157,092	(11,600)	1,145,491	0	1,145,491
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Income Taxes	40,525	(23,040)	17,485	13,483	30,968	0	30,968
Total Oper, Expenses & Taxes	1,620,242	(75,809)	1,544,433	(21,013)	1,523,419	0	1,523,419
Utility Operating Income	222,107	(51,968)	170,139	21,013	191,152	(0)	191,152
Rate of Return	7.28%		5.57%		6.26%		6.26%
Return on Equity	8.40%		5.09%		6.43%		6.43%
ROE based on actual capital structure.							
Average Rate Base							
Utility Plant in Service	6,872,583	0	6,872,583	0	6,872,583	0	6,872,583
Accumulated Depreciation	3,418,772	0	3,418,772	0	3,418,772	0	3,418,772
Accumulated Def. Income Taxes	488,819	0	488,819	0	488,819	0	488,819
Accumulated Def. Inv. Tax Credit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Utility Plant	2,964,993	0	2,964,993	0	2,964,993	0	2,964,993
Deferred Programs & Investments	11,989	895	12,884	0	12,884	0	12,884
Operating Materials & Fuel	73,721	0	73,721	0	73,721	0	73,721
Misc. Deferred Credits	(59,430)	0	(59,430)	0	(59,430)	0	(59,430)
Unamortized Ratepayer Gains	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Working Cash	57,912	2,039	59,951	(820)	59,132	0	59,132
Total Average Rate Base	3,049,184	2,934	3,052,118	(820)	3,051,299	0	3,051,299

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OREGON

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June 3, 2014