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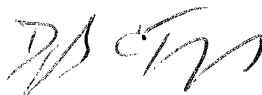
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- **PGE REPLY REGARDING ITS REQUEST FOR PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

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Sincerely,


  
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Dated at Portland, Oregon, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.

  
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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**OF OREGON**

**UE 204**

In the Matter of Revised Tariff Schedules  
filed by Portland General Electric Company  
Regarding the Selective Water Withdrawal  
Project

**PGE REPLY REGARDING ITS REQUEST  
FOR PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

On July 7, 2009, in accordance with an earlier PGE motion and a Ruling by the ALJ, PGE filed a request that the prehearing conference previously set in this matter be re-set. Specifically PGE requested that the prehearing conference be set for the week of July 27-31, 2009, if possible.

On July 9, 2009, Staff of the Public Utility Commission, and CUB both took the unusual step of urging the Commission to deny PGE's request for a prehearing conference. It is disconcerting that parties, and Staff in particular, are taking the position that they do not even want to discuss with the ALJ a schedule for further proceedings in this matter. Staff claims that it is premature to set a schedule. It is not. PGE will have the information necessary to set a schedule to keep this docket moving. The first step in the schedule that PGE proposes is for PGE to file testimony addressing the outstanding issues in this docket, and the mishap that occurred. PGE believes it will be able to file that testimony by the end of August. Thus, it is not premature to discuss scheduling that testimony, and the process that will occur after that.

As is evidenced by the recent filings, it does not appear that parties will reach an agreement on a schedule. Thus, it will likely be necessary to have the ALJ set a schedule. Staff, CUB and others may make whatever arguments they deem appropriate at the prehearing

conference, but it is not reasonable, nor appropriate to suggest that no prehearing conference be held. PGE reiterates its request that a prehearing conference be set the last week of July.

DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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