

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1662

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
COMPANY and

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,

Request for Generic Power Cost
Adjustment Mechanism Investigation

RULING

DISPOSITION: ORAL ARGUMENT HEARING SET

On September 21, 2015, Portland General Electric Company and PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power filed a joint request for oral argument. The utilities state that Commission Staff takes no position on the motion, the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) does not oppose the motion and the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) does not object to the request.

The utilities request the Commission classify this case as a major proceeding under OAR 860-001-0660 for the purposes of allowing the parties to present oral argument. They request a waiver of OAR 860-001-0660(4), which requires that a party make its request for an oral argument in a major proceeding at the prehearing conference or as soon thereafter as possible.

"Major proceeding" status is conferred after a party files a motion with the administrative law judge requesting that a case be classified as a major proceeding when a docket is opened. (OAR 860-001-0060(3)) No motion was filed in this case, so this case has not been designated a "major proceeding," meaning that OAR 860-001-0660(4) does not apply. However, in its discretion, the Commission may choose to entertain oral argument in any proceeding. In this case, I grant the request for oral argument. The date set for the oral argument hearing is November 17, 2015. A notice of the oral argument will be issued separately.

The time allowed for the argument is as follows:

PGE/PacifiCorp	30 minutes
Staff/CUB/ICNU	30 minutes
PGE/PacifiCorp	10 minutes

The parties shall decide among themselves how their allotted time is divided.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2015, at Salem, Oregon.



Patrick Power
Administrative Law Judge