

ISSUED: July 29, 2009

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 204

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
COMPANY,

Request for recovery of costs associated with its
Selective Water Withdrawal Project.

PREHEARING CONFERENCE
REPORT & RULING

**DISPOSITION: PARTIAL SCHEDULE ADOPTED; PREHEARING
CONFERENCE SCHEDULED**

The schedule in this docket has been suspended since April 15, 2009, due to a delay in the construction of Portland General Electric Company's (PGE) Selective Water Withdrawal (SWW) project. On June 24, 2009, PGE was directed to file either an agreed procedural schedule or a motion for prehearing conference by July 7, 2009.

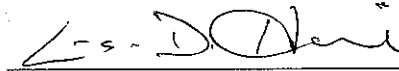
On July 7, 2009, PGE filed a motion stating that the parties had been unable to agree to a new procedural schedule and requesting a prehearing conference. The Public Utility Commission of Oregon Staff (Staff) and the Citizens' Utility Board (CUB) objected to a prehearing conference, arguing that information about the SWW construction delay was incomplete, making it too early to establish a schedule. According to Staff, three root-cause analyses are being done to determine the cause of the construction delay, and the last is not expected to be completed until mid- to late August of this year.

On July 28, 2009, a prehearing conference was held to discuss scheduling issues. Representatives appeared for PGE, CUB, and Staff. During the prehearing conference, PGE broke the impasse by suggesting that a deadline be established for PGE to file its testimony, with a prehearing conference to follow. The parties agreed to this proposal, discussed potential dates, and the following schedule was adopted:

PGE will file its direct testimony and supporting materials by **September 25, 2009**. A prehearing conference to discuss the remainder of the schedule will be held on **October 13, 2009**, at 9:30 a.m. Notice of the prehearing conference will be issued at a later date.

During the conference, CUB expressed concern that two of the three root-cause investigations being conducted (one by PGE's contractor and another by insurers) would be difficult for Staff and intervenors to obtain. CUB asked that PGE be required to provide those materials to the other parties. PGE stated that it would give the parties all of the investigation materials in its possession and agreed to make an effort to obtain the two root-cause analyses identified by CUB.

Dated this 29th day of July, 2009, at Salem, Oregon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa D. Hardie", written over a horizontal line.

Lisa D. Hardie
Administrative Law Judge

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