

June 15, 2010

via US Mail and Electronic Mail

Public Utility Commission of Oregon 550 Capitol St., NE, No. 215 Salem, OR 97308-2148

Attention: Commission Filing Center:

Re: UM 1103

PGE's Application for Reauthorization to Defer Intervenor Funding Costs

Ms. Bailey-Goggins:

Enclosed for filing is the original and one copy of Portland General Electric Company's Application for Reauthorization to Defer Intervenor Funding Costs. We have provided copies of a Notice of Application to the UE-197 service list.

PGE waives paper service of documents in this proceeding and has E-filed a copy on this date.

If you have any questions or require further information, please call me at (503) 464-7580, or Launa Harmon (503) 464-7251. Please direct all formal correspondence, questions, or requests to the following e-mail address pge.opuc.filings@pgn.com.

Sincerely.

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Manager, Regulatory Affairs

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cc: UE-197 service list

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

#### OF OREGON

## **UM 1103**

in the Matter of the Application of	)	
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY	)	Application For Reauthorization
For an Accounting Order Approving Deferral of Costs	)	To Defer Intervenor Funding
Related to Intervenor Funding	• )	Costs

Pursuant to OAR 860-027-0300, ORS 757.259 (3), ORS 757.072, and the Oregon Public Utility Commission (the "Commission") Intervenor Funding Order Nos. 03-388, 07-564, and OPUC Orders 03-405, 04-363, 05-816, 06-412, 07-324, 08-442 and 09-268, which approve Portland General Electric Company's ("PGE's") Intervenor Funding Deferral, PGE requests reauthorization to defer for later ratemaking treatment certain intervenor funding costs. PGE seeks reauthorization to defer intervenor funding costs, as described below, for a 12-month period commencing July 1, 2010.

## I. Deferral History:

On July 2, 2003, the Commission issued Order No. 03-388 approving temporary rules specifying the qualifications for certifying intervenor eligibility for funding under SB205, and the conditions for terminating their certification. Pursuant to the Intervenor Funding Act, the Commission issued Order No. 03-388 that approved an agreement between PGE, Pacific Power and Light (dba PacifiCorp), Northwest Natural Gas Company, Northwest Industrial Gas Users, Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon ("CUB"), and Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities, dated February 3, 2003 (the "Intervenor Funding Agreement"). The Intervenor Funding Agreement specifies the terms and conditions for intervenor funding grants, the funding amount to be contributed by each utility, the procedures for budget submittals by intervenors, the need for Commission approval of

budgets, and the payment of grants by utilities into three funds, which include the CUB Fund, the Pre-authorized Matching Fund, and the Issue Fund.

On July 14, 2003, the Commission issued Order No. 03-405 authorizing payment of \$50,000 by each of the three participating utilities in the CUB Fund.

On August 11, 2003, PGE filed an application with the Public Utility Commission for an accounting order authorizing PGE to defer its costs related to the Intervenor Funding Grants through June 30, 2004. Staff's recommendation, to authorize PGE to defer the costs, was approved and adopted by the Commission on September 11, 2003, in Order No. 03-561.

PGE filed and received reauthorization for this deferral, as shown in Table 1 below

Table 1

Filing Date	Renewal Period	Order No.	Approval Date
8/11/03	6/30/04	03-561*	9/17/03
5/20/04	7/01/04-6/30/05	04-363	6/28/04
5/13/05	7/01/05-6/30/06	05-816	6/29/05
6/07/06	7/01/06-6/30/07	06-412	7/17/06
6/07/07	7/01/07-6/30/08	07-324	7/27/07
6/05/08	7/01/08-6/30/09	08-442	8/28/08
6/02/09	7/01/09-6/30/10	09-268	7/13/09

<sup>\*</sup> Initial Application

On December 19, 2007, the OPUC approved the First Amended and Restated Intervenor Funding Agreement ("IFA") that extended intervenor funding through December 12, 2012 (OPUC Order 07-564). The restated IFA amends and clarifies the use of funds for dockets that extend over two or more calendar years, modifies some of the original terms and conditions, adds new reporting requirements and changes the funding amounts to be contributed by each utility, as well as adds new

accounts for additional participating utilities.

Pursuant to Commission Orders 03-405, 03-561, 04-363, 05-816, 06-412, 07-324, 08-442, and 09-268, PGE respectfully requests an Order reauthorizing the deferral, for later rate-making treatment, of all payments made by PGE between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011, to intervenors under the three intervenor funds established under the IFA.

## II. OAR 860-027-0030 Requirements:

The following is provided pursuant to ORS 860-027-0300(3):

#### a. Description

For the 12-month period of July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011, PGE seeks reauthorization to continue recording, in a deferred account, all amounts it is required to pay to the CUB Fund, the Pre-authorized Matching Fund, and the Issue Fund.

## b. Reasons for Deferral

OPUC Order No. 03-561 authorized PGE's accounting process for the grant funds. Some previously paid grant funds are currently being deferred pursuant to OPUC Order No. 09-268, but the Order is about to expire and PGE requests that the deferral continue. Moreover, PGE requests additional amounts it is required to pay to the three funds during the period of July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011, to be treated similarly.

PGE will continue to incur Intervenor Funding expenses until December 12, 2012, pursuant to the IFA adopted in OPUC Order No. 07-564. PGE wishes to continue to use the deferral mechanism as approved. Without reauthorization, the current authorization to defer costs will expire on June 30, 2010.

## c. Proposed Accounting

PGE proposes to record all deferred costs in FERC Account 182.3 (Other Regulatory Assets).

## d. Amounts Subject to Deferral and Estimates of Amounts

PGE anticipates the maximum amounts to be deferred, during the 12-month period subsequent to the filing of this Application, are<sup>1</sup>:

<u>Fund:</u>	•
CUB Fund	\$ 57,500
Preauthorized Matching Fund (ICNU)	\$ 57,500
Issue Fund	<u>\$ 125,000</u>
Total	\$ 240,000

PGE estimates the following balances to exist in its intervenor funding accounts:

Fund Description	June 2010 Balance	2010 Accrual	June 2011 Estimated Balance
CUB Fund	\$ 198,745.22 <sup>3</sup>	\$ 57,500	\$256,245.22 <sup>2</sup>
Matching Fund	192,064.51 <sup>3</sup>	\$ 57,500	\$249,564.51 <sup>2</sup>
Issue Fund	\$ 400,438.55 <sup>3</sup>	\$125,000	\$525,038.55 <sup>2</sup>
Balance	\$790,848.28	\$240,000	\$1,030,848.28

PGE began amortization of these funds through Advice 07-029, which became effective January 1, 2008.

The IFA permits intervenors to request grants from the various funds at any time during the calendar year, though the deferral periods have generally run from July 1 to June 30. Amounts will be debited to the deferral account as funds are actually disbursed. *See* OPUC Order No. 03-561, Appendix A, Page 3. Balances in the funds may rollover into the following year if intervenors do

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Intervenor Funding Agreement was amended and restated through OPUC Order No. 07-564, extending intervenor funding until December 31, 2012.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Approximate balance not considering interest accruals, full amortization and exact payout dates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Balance does not reflect 2011 accrual.

not use the entire amount available, and some funds (the CUB and Matching Funds) permit intervenors to request advances from future-year funds.

Pursuant to the terms of the IFA, individual fund costs will be allocated to the appropriate customer class: the CUB fund will be charged to residential customers; the Pre-authorized Matching Fund (ICNU) will be charged to industrial customers, and the Issue Fund costs will be aligned and allocated to keep the intended beneficiaries of the advocacy undertaken on their behalf.

## e. Notice

A copy of the Notice of Application for Reauthorization to Defer Intervenor Funding Costs is Attached as Exhibit A, as well as a list of persons served with the Notice.

## III. The following is provided pursuant to OAR 860-027-0300(4):

## a. <u>Description of Deferred Account Entries</u>

Please see section (II)(d) above.

## b. The reason for continuing deferred accounting

PGE is seeking approval to continue the Intervenor Funding Deferral pursuant to the approved Commission Order No. 09-268 as described in Section (II)(b) above.

IV. <u>Contacts:</u> The authorized address to receive notices and communications in respect of this Application is:

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PGE waives paper service of documents in this proceeding. In addition, the names and addresses to receive notices and communications via the e-mail service list are:

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## IV. Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, PGE requests permission to continue to defer the existing balances in the deferred account and authorization to defer any additional Intervenor Funding costs paid by PGE during the period July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011.

DATED this 15th day of June, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick G. Hager,

Manager, Regulatory Affairs

On Behalf of

Portland General Electric Company

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## Attachment A

# Notice of Application for Reauthorization to Defer Intervenor Funding Costs

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

## OF OREGON

#### **UM 1103**

In the Matter of the Application of Portland General Electric Company for an Order to Reauthorize the Deferral of Intervenor Funding Costs Notice of Application For Reauthorization To Defer Intervenor Funding Costs

On June 15, 2010, Portland General Electric Company ("PGE") filed an Application with the Oregon Public Utility Commission (the "Commission") for an Order reauthorizing deferral of its intervenor funding costs. Approval of PGE's Application will not authorize a change in PGE's rates, but will permit the Commission to consider allowing such deferred amounts in rates in a subsequent proceeding. Persons who wish to obtain a copy of PGE's Application should contact either of the following:

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Any person who wishes to submit written comments to the Commission on PGE's Application must do so no later than July 16, 2010.

Dated this 15th day of June, 2010.

Patrick G. Høger

Manager, Regulatory Affairs

Portland General Electric Company

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day caused the foregoing Notice of Application for Reauthorization to Defer Intervenor Funding Costs to be served by Electronic Mail to those parties whose e-mail addresses appear on the attached service list, and by First Class US Mail, postage prepaid and properly addressed, upon those parties on the attached service list who have not waived paper service from OPUC Docket No. UE 197.

Dated at Portland, Oregon, this 15th day of June, 2010.

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Summary Report

**UE 197 PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC** 

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This filing requests a general rate revision.

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Advice No: 08-02

Effective Date: 1/1/2009

Expiration Date: 12/31/2008

Status: PERM SUSPEND

See also: UE 198

08-23

Final Order: 09-176

Signed: 2/27/2008

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