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**via US Mail and EMail**

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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-180 service list.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON

**UM 1103**

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

Pursuant to OAR 860-027-0300, ORS 757.259 (3), ORS 757.072, and Oregon Public Utility Commission (the "Commission") Order Nos. 03-388 and 03-405, 05-816 as well as Order No. 06-412, Portland General Electric Company ("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, 2007.

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 which 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 and procedures for budget submittals by intervenors, Commission approval of budgets, and the payment of grants by utilities, to 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 to the CUB Fund.

On August 11, 2003, PGE filed an application with the Public Utility Commission for an accounting order authorizing PGE to defer costs related to 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.

At its Public Meeting on June 24, 2004, the Commission adopted Staff's recommendation to reauthorize PGE to defer costs related to intervenor funding through June 30, 2005. The reauthorization was approved on June 28, 2004, by Commission Order No. 04-363.

In 2005, the Commission adopted Staff's recommendation, to allow PGE to continue deferring intervenor funding costs, at its Public Meeting on June 29, 2005, and the reauthorization was granted on June 29, 2005, by Commission Order No. 05-816.

On May 12, 2006, PGE filed its third reauthorization report with the Commission. On June 7, 2006, PGE filed a supplemental report to clarify PGE's intervenor funding estimates. The reauthorization to continue the deferral of intervenor funding costs was approved on July 17, 2006 (Order 06-412).

Pursuant to Commission Orders 03-388, 03-405, and subsequent orders 03-561, 04-363, 05-816, and 06-412, PGE respectfully requests an Order reauthorizing the deferral, for later rate-making treatment, of all payments made by PGE between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008, to intervenors under the three intervenor funds established under the Intervenor Funding Agreement.

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, 2007 through June 30, 2008, 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, and the last deferral reauthorization order issued (OPUC Order No. 06-412) on July 17, 2006, is about to expire.

PGE will continue to incur Intervenor Funding expenses until December 31, 2007, or until termination of the Intervenor Funding Agreement adopted in OPUC Order No. 03-388. PGE wishes to continue to use the deferral mechanism as long as the intervenor funding account balance remains unamortized. Without reauthorization, the current authorization to defer costs will expire on June 30, 2007.

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 Application, are<sup>1</sup>:

<u>Fund:</u>	
CUB Fund	\$ 50,000
Preauthorized Matching Fund (ICNU)	\$ 50,000
Issue Fund	<u>\$ 125,000</u>
Total	\$ 250,000

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<sup>1</sup> The Intervenor Funding Agreement expires December 31, 2007. These amounts assume extension of the agreement under its current terms.

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

<b>Fund Description</b>	<b>June 2007 Balance</b>	<b>2007 Accrual</b>	<b>June 2008 Estimated Balance</b>
<b>CUB Fund</b>	\$ 307,511	\$ 50,000	\$357,511 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Matching Fund</b>	\$ 184,481 <sup>3</sup>	\$ 50,000	\$234,481 <sup>4</sup>
<b>Issue Fund</b>	\$ 496,432 <sup>5</sup>	\$125,000	\$621,432 <sup>6</sup>
<b>Balance</b>	\$ 988,424	\$225,000	\$ 1,213,424

The Intervenor Funding Agreement 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 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 Intervenor Funding Agreement, 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 with 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.

<sup>2</sup> Approximate balance not considering interest accruals and exact payout dates.

<sup>3</sup> Balance does not reflect 2007 accrual.

<sup>4</sup> Approximate balance not considering interest accruals and exact payout dates.

<sup>5</sup> Balance does not reflect 2007 accrual.

<sup>6</sup> Approximate balance not considering interest accruals and exact payout dates.

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

a. Description of Deferred Account Entries

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. 06-412 as described in Section (II)(b) above.

IV. Contacts:

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V. Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, PGE requests permission to continue to defer Intervenor Funding costs paid by PGE during the period July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008.

DATED this 7th day of June, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**/s/ Patrick G. Hager**

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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

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On June 7th, 2007, Portland General Electric Company ("PGE") filed an Application with the Oregon Public Utility Commission (the "Commission") for an Order reauthorizing deferral of 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 not later than July 9th, 2007.

Dated this 7th day of June, 2007.

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