

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 165

In the Matter of)	
)	
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC)	
)	RULING
Application for a Hydro Generation Power)	
Cost Adjustment Mechanism.)	

DISPOSITION: MOTION TO AMEND SCHEDULE GRANTED

On December 23, 2004, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) filed a revised motion to amend the procedural schedule in this proceeding (Motion). Reply testimony by Staff and Intervenors is currently due on January 17, 2005. Staff represents that additional time is required to develop reply testimony.

Staff proposes to amend the schedule, as follows:

EVENT	CURRENT DUE DATE	REQUESTED DUE DATE
Staff and Intervenors file reply testimony	January 17, 2005	February 14, 2005
PGE files rebuttal testimony	February 15, 2005	March 15, 2005
Hearing	March 15, 2005	April 19, 2005
Briefing schedule	TBD	TBD

Staff indicates that Portland General Electric Company (PGE) and the only intervenors in the docket, the Citizens' Utility Board (CUB) and the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU), support the proposed schedule changes.

The current schedule extends beyond the initial suspension period, which ends on January 6, 2005. Consequently, a second suspension, pursuant to ORS 757.215(1) will be necessary. It is probable, however, that after a schedule for briefing and potential oral argument is established, the current schedule would extend beyond the expiration of a second suspension period, which is limited to an additional three months. It is certain that Staff's proposed schedule would extend beyond the expiration of a second suspension.

PGE proposed the current schedule, which was amended from the original schedule by a ruling dated October 1, 2004. PGE also supports Staff's proposed schedule

changes. PGE has indicated that it intends to address an additional extension beyond the second suspension to accommodate the current schedule with the Commission, pursuant to ORS 757.215(2), no later than March 2005. PGE's support of Staff's proposed schedule indicates intent to agree to an extension of the suspension long enough to accommodate the revisions.

Based on Staff's representations that more time is needed to prepare reply testimony and that PGE, CUB and ICNU support the proposed revisions to the procedural schedule, I grant the Motion and approve the proposed modified schedule with the understanding that PGE will address an extension of the suspension period for this docket no later than March 2005.¹ Should PGE have a different understanding, PGE should file a responsive motion to this ruling immediately.

Dated this 27th day of December, 2004, at Salem, Oregon.

Traci A. G. Kirkpatrick
Administrative Law Judge

¹ The modified dates for filing are considered "in hand" dates.