

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF OREGON**

**Testimony in Support of Stipulation  
UM 1206/UF 4218**

**I. Introduction**

1 **Q. What are your names and positions?**

2 A. My name is Pamela Lesh. I am Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Strategic Planning,  
3 for Portland General Electric Company (PGE).

4 My name is Bryan Conway. I am Program Manager for the Economic & Policy Analysis  
5 Section for the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon.

6 My name is Bob Jenks. I am the Executive Director of the Citizen's Utility Board of  
7 Oregon (CUB).

8 Our qualifications appear at the end of our testimony.

9 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

10 A. The purpose of our testimony is to describe and support the stipulation entered into by the  
11 following parties in Dockets UM 1206 and UF 4218. The signing parties are:

12 Portland General Electric Company  
13 Stephen Forbes Cooper, LLC, as Disbursing Agent, on behalf of the Reserve for Disputed  
14 Claims  
15 Enron Corp.  
16 Citizen's Utility Board  
17 Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
18 Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities  
19 Community Action Directors of Oregon and Oregon Energy Coordinators Association

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21 ICNU also supports and sponsors this testimony.

22 **Q. What is the nature of these dockets?**

23 A. Docket UF 4218 is an Application by PGE under ORS 757.410 et seq. to issue 62,500,000  
24 shares of New PGE Common Stock.<sup>1</sup>. Docket UM 1206 is an application under ORS  
25 757.511 by the Disbursing Agent on behalf of the Reserve, created under Enron Corp.'s  
26 bankruptcy Plan, for an order allowing the Reserve to hold more than 5% of the New PGE

1 Common Stock and to vote not more than 70% of that stock. The Disbursing Agent will be  
2 the registered holder of the New PGE Common Stock and, in accordance with procedures  
3 implemented in connection with the Plan, the DCR Overseers will determine how the  
4 Disbursing Agent votes the shares held in the Reserve.

5 These dockets implement the Plan's arrangements for Holders of Allowed Claims to  
6 receive equity ownership in PGE as part of the distribution of Enron's estate in satisfaction  
7 of their claims against Enron. The Commission considered these arrangements in its  
8 rejection of the proposed purchase of PGE's common stock by Oregon Electric Utility  
9 Company:

10 "In the event this transaction does not occur, and Enron does not enter into  
11 an alternative sale agreement, PGE would temporarily remain under Enron  
12 ownership. A distribution of Enron's entire interest in PGE would occur in  
13 a single transaction after: (1) PGE and Enron have received the required  
14 consents; and (2) the Bankruptcy Court has allowed general unsecured  
15 claims in an amount that results in the distribution of 30 percent of PGE  
16 common stock. *See* Enron/1, Bingham/4. The PGE shares owned by Enron  
17 would be canceled at this distribution, and PGE would issue new shares.  
18 Part of those new PGE shares would be issued to creditors. A disbursing  
19 agent would hold the remaining shares in a disputed claims reserve and  
20 release the shares to holders of allowed claims. Once shares are  
21 distributed, the stock could be traded on a public exchange such as the  
22 New York Stock Exchange. *Id.*" Order No. 05-114 at page 11. [footnote  
23 omitted]  
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25 In other words, the issuance of the New PGE Common Stock and the Reserve's  
26 temporary ownership of a significant percentage of that stock are the process by which PGE  
27 will become a stand-alone public utility (i.e., not in a holding company structure), the stock  
28 of which will be traded on a national exchange. The initial stock issuance to Holders of  
29 Allowed Claims will be at least 30% of the new PGE Common Stock and additional  
30 releases from the Reserve to Holders of Allowed Claims will occur as rapidly as claims are

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<sup>1</sup> Terms with capital letters have the same meaning as those used in the Application.

1 settled. Enron presently estimates that the issuance will occur in April 2006 and that, within  
2 one year, the Reserve's ownership will fall below 50% and, within two years, below 30%.

3 As explained below, the effect of the initial stock issuance to Holders of Allowed Claims  
4 of at least 30% diminishes the need for stringent conditions that address harms and risks  
5 associated with 100 percent ownership (or holding company ownership). Further, as the  
6 Reserve's ownership diminishes, its potential influence on PGE's operations and dividend  
7 policy should decrease, which should correspond with modifications to the conditions  
8 addressing the potential harms of the Reserve's ownership of stock.

1 **II. The Stipulation**

2 **Q. Please provide an overview of the Stipulation reached in these dockets.**

3 A. The Stipulation’s purpose is to resolve all issues in these dockets among the Settlement  
4 Parties. Currently, the Settlement Parties are those parties we listed above. The Settlement  
5 Parties agree that the issuance of the New PGE Common Stock and the role of the Reserve,  
6 along with the conditions and commitments stated in the Stipulation (the “Conditions”), will  
7 provide net benefits to PGE’s customers and will serve PGE’s customers in the public  
8 interest. Thus, the Settlement Parties agree that, subject to the Conditions, the Commission  
9 should approve the Application.

10 The Settlement Parties envision that, if the Commission approves the Application and the  
11 Stipulation, the Commission will incorporate the Conditions into the final Commission  
12 order. Most of the Conditions will become effective upon the issuance of the New PGE  
13 Common Stock and, at that time, the conditions adopted by the Commission in Order No.  
14 97-196 (the “Enron Conditions”) will terminate. We will describe the exceptions below  
15 with respect to the specific Conditions having different timing.

16 **Q. Is there any other general information important to understanding the Stipulation in**  
17 **these dockets?**

18 A. Yes. The Stipulation expresses the Settlement Parties’ agreement that this is a unique  
19 Application under ORS 757.511 and that no Settlement Party will use the Conditions found  
20 suitable in this case as precedent in any other docket, including UM 1209, regarding what  
21 generally constitutes a net benefit under ORS 757.511. The Application is unique in  
22 multiple ways, such as:

- 1 (1) The issuance of New PGE Common Stock and role of the Reserve to implement a  
2 confirmed bankruptcy plan. Indeed, this is the only remaining path in the Plan for  
3 Holders of Allowed Claims to receive the value represented by the PGE common  
4 equity that Enron now holds.
- 5 (2) Consistent with the terms of the Plan, Enron and its affiliated Debtors are in the  
6 process of resolving disputed claims against their estates as rapidly as possible  
7 consistent with prudent business practices. The purpose of the Disbursing Agent  
8 and the Reserve is to hold cash and securities, including New PGE Common  
9 Stock, and to distribute the same to the Holders of Allowed Claims as disputed  
10 claims are resolved. In other words, the Reserve is an entity designed to reduce  
11 its ownership of the New PGE Common Stock as rapidly as possible.
- 12 (3) The Application does not change the beneficial ownership of PGE; however, after  
13 the issuance, individual creditors may trade their New PGE Common Stock.  
14 Enron's creditors currently hold all of the beneficial interest in Enron's assets.
- 15 (4) This Application does not result in any new debt and, because this is not an  
16 acquisition, no one will incur an acquisition premium in connection with PGE's  
17 common equity.
- 18 (5) The issuance of New PGE Common Stock will remove PGE from a holding  
19 company structure. Even though the Reserve will temporarily hold a significant  
20 percentage of the New PGE Common Stock, the Reserve is in the nature of a trust  
21 or escrow rather than a holding company and, unlike a typical holding company,  
22 will not use dividends from PGE to invest in diversified businesses or service  
23 acquisition debt. Nor will the Reserve have the control of a parent company;

1           instead, its rights will be those of a shareholder that does not own 100% of PGE.

2           This circumstance lessens or eliminates financial and other concerns raised by  
3           holding company structures.

4           In general, this filing has the opposite effect of the previous ORS 757.511 filing  
5           approved by the Commission for PGE (UM 814): PGE is becoming a publicly-traded  
6           company, rather than one owned by a single shareholder. The Settlement Parties developed  
7           the conditions for this unique set of circumstances and recognize that this Application  
8           presents fewer risks than are present when one entity seeks to acquire a utility.

9   **Q. How many conditions does the Stipulation include?**

10   A. The Stipulation contains 17 conditions that the Settlement Parties agree should be  
11   incorporated in the final Commission order approving these Applications.

12   **Q. Please briefly describe the conditions.**

13   A. Condition 1 provides that there will be no direct charges or allocations to PGE from the  
14   Reserve.

15           Condition 2 assures that PGE will provide the Commission access to all of its books and  
16           records and to those books and records of its affiliates that pertain to affiliated interest  
17           transactions with PGE. This condition also requires the Reserve to provide the Commission  
18           access to all of its books and records that pertain to PGE.

19           Condition 3 requires that PGE keep its financial books and records in Portland, Oregon.

20           Condition 4 excludes from PGE's utility accounts all of the non-recurring costs of its  
21           transition from a privately-held to a publicly-held corporation. This includes such expenses  
22           as the first-time costs of listing on a national stock exchange, the costs of issuing the stock  
23           and the release over time of the stock held by the Reserve.

1 Condition 5 restricts dividends from PGE, without prior Commission approval, during a  
2 transitional period while the Reserve's ownership share is still substantial. The initial  
3 minimum common equity capital in PGE's capital structure is 48%. This applies until the  
4 Reserve holds less than 40% of the New PGE Common Stock. The minimum then falls to  
5 45% until the Reserve holds less than 20% of the New PGE Common Stock. Thereafter, no  
6 limitation applies.

7 Condition 6 assures PGE's customers that PGE will not seek recovery of increases in its  
8 costs of capital or revenue requirement that are due to Enron's ownership of PGE. In the  
9 case of cost of capital, the protection extends to higher costs caused by the ownership by the  
10 Reserve of 25% or more of PGE's issued and outstanding common stock. From the date the  
11 Commission approves the Applications until 30 days after tariffs approved in PGE's next  
12 general rate case take effect, the dividend limitation in Condition 5 is increased by \$40  
13 million to assure PGE's financial capacity to absorb adjustments, if any, in PGE's revenue  
14 requirement resulting from these protections for customers, including the Enron Conditions.

15 Condition 7 provides the Commission access to all PGE or Reserve written information,  
16 provided to common stock or bond analysts or rating agencies, which pertains to PGE or  
17 affiliates that exercise control over PGE.

18 Condition 8 requires that PGE give the Commission written notice of any dividends  
19 declared by its Board of Directors at the same time as PGE discloses this information to the  
20 public. This Condition expires when the Reserve holds less than 25% of the New PGE  
21 Common Stock.

22 In Condition 9, PGE agrees to extend the Service Quality Measures Stipulation adopted  
23 in Order No. 97-196 for 10 years, including calendar years 2007 through 2016. The current



1 service quality measures were scheduled to terminate at the end of 2006; Condition 9 will  
2 take effect January 1, 2007. PGE also agrees to work with ICNU on potential additional  
3 service quality standards related to service to high tech companies.

4 Condition 10 eliminates the obligations of Conditions 2 and 7 with respect to the Reserve  
5 when its ownership interest in PGE drops below 25%.

6 Condition 11 takes effect upon the Commission's approval of the Applications and  
7 precludes distributions to Enron unless PGE has a senior secured debt rating of not lower  
8 than BBB+ from Standard & Poor's and can reasonably expect to maintain that rating after  
9 the distribution.

10 Condition 12 lays out a process by which various customer groups can address both  
11 PGE's Board of Directors (on an annual basis) and management (from time to time).

12 In Condition 13, PGE agrees not to propose a decoupling mechanism for Schedule 83  
13 customers in its next general rate case and to oppose any proposal for such offered by other  
14 parties.

15 Condition 14 commits PGE to work with Staff and other interested parties to develop and  
16 present to the Commission a billing accuracy service quality measure.

17 Condition 15 contains several changes to PGE's direct access program that PGE agrees to  
18 develop and propose for Commission approval. These include extensions of the existing 3-  
19 and 5-year opt-out options, a monthly or "on demand" direct access election period for  
20 customers with aggregate loads over 1 MWa (each point over 250kW), and a split direct  
21 access/cost of service option for customers with aggregate load larger than 10 MWa and  
22 certain other qualifying characteristics.

1           In Condition 16, Enron agrees to provide PGE certain indemnifications, if necessary, as  
2           described in the draft Separation Agreement filed as Application Exhibit 17.

3           Condition 17 provides an enforcement process for violations of the conditions by PGE or  
4           the Reserve.

### III. Support for Commission Approval

#### Q. What are the standards for approval of these Applications by the Commission?

A. The standard for the issuance of securities under ORS 757.410 et seq. is either that the utility will use the proceeds for certain specified purposes or that the application of the statute is not required by the public interest. In this Application, there are no proceeds from the issuance of the New PGE Common Stock.

The standard for ORS 757.511 was recently explained by the Commission in Order No. 05-114. The Commission said:

“The meaning of “serve the public utility’s customers in the public interest” was the subject of a Commission investigation in docket UM 1011. Utilities, consumer groups, and Staff provided input on the applicable standard under the statute. The Commission resolved the docket by issuing Order No. 01-778, which adopted a two-pronged legal standard under ORS 757.511(3). After reviewing the text and context of the statute, the Commission “read the verb ‘serve’ to indicate a net benefit standard for merger approval.” *See* Order No. 01-778 at 10. The Commission went on to state that providing net benefits is a specific way to cure the general concern enunciated in ORS 757.506 that a transaction could harm customers. The order then set out a second requirement: ‘in addition to finding a net benefit to the utility’s customers, we must also find that the proposed transaction will not impose a detriment on Oregon citizens as a whole.’ *See* Order No. 01-778 at 11.” Order No. 05-114 at 17.

The Commission also explained the use of a comparison case:

“ORS 757.506(1)(c) delineates some harms against which customers should be protected, including degradation of utility service, higher rates, weakened financial structure and diminution of utility assets. The wording of the statute presumes a review of the utility’s current status to see if a proposed transaction would cause harm. ORS 757.506(2) further provides that regulation is to prevent “unnecessary and unwarranted harm to such utilities’ customers.” Reading this statute in concert with ORS 757.511, we reject Applicants’ approach and conclude that we must compare the potential benefits and harms of the transaction against the PGE as it is currently configured. However, this transaction is unique, because PGE is in a transitional state. It is owned by Enron, which is in bankruptcy and is being liquidated. There is little to suggest that PGE would operate very differently after the stock distribution plan than it does now. With Enron’s

1 current hands-off approach, PGE is, essentially, currently acting as a  
2 stand-alone utility. Therefore, to take into account the current transitional  
3 nature of PGE's ownership, we will compare Applicants' proposal to PGE  
4 as a separate and distinct entity, which would function as PGE operates  
5 today." Order No. 05-114 at 18.  
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7 We believe that the conditions in the Stipulation enable the Commission to find these  
8 standards are met. With respect to the issuance of New PGE Common Stock, the  
9 Conditions satisfy the public interest test by providing net benefits to customers and not  
10 imposing a detriment on Oregon citizens as a whole. We address the requirements of ORS  
11 757.511 below.

1 **IV. Comparison Case**

2 **Q. What is the comparison case the Commission should use in reviewing these**  
3 **Applications?**

4 A. The comparison case is comparable to, yet somewhat different from, what the Commission  
5 assumed in Order No. 05-114. To take into account the current transitional nature of PGE's  
6 ownership, we compare Applicant's proposal to how PGE operates today with the  
7 protections for customers of the conditions included in Order No. 97-196. In considering  
8 this Application, however, we must also take into account whether, if the Commission  
9 denies the Application, state or federal law will prevail in the implementation of the court-  
10 confirmed Plan. This adds uncertainty regarding how and when PGE emerges from Enron's  
11 ownership, removing the current focus from implementing the Plan to jurisdictional issues.

12 Further, another caveat requiring note is that the Plan's Confirmation Order requires that  
13 all of the assets of Enron, including 100% of PGE's common equity, must be distributed to  
14 Enron's creditors. Should the Commission deny this Application, it is not clear how PGE's  
15 common equity would be distributed as called for in the Plan. The distribution of PGE's  
16 common equity could occur without any of the conditions in this Settlement that protect  
17 customers and PGE during the transition and provide benefits to customers even beyond the  
18 transition.

19 Last, we note that Enron could negotiate another sale of PGE should the issuance and  
20 subsequent distribution not go forward, which would present greater risks and uncertainties  
21 than approval of this Application.

22 **Q. Is a comparison case important to the resolution of these Applications?**

1 A. Yes, because the statutes require approval to be based on a Commission determination that  
2 the Stipulation results in net benefits. The Conditions eliminate any advantage to customers  
3 of retaining the Enron Conditions for some additional period of time and include additional  
4 matters that provide benefits to customers. Further, where appropriate, the Stipulation's  
5 conditions transfer responsibility to PGE for assurances provided under the Enron  
6 conditions. As discussed below, the Stipulation also applies some of the Enron Conditions  
7 to the transitional period when the Reserve holds a significant percentage of the New PGE  
8 Common Stock.

1 **V. Net Benefits**

2 **Q. Do you have some general comments about net benefits?**

3 A. Yes. The Settlement Parties designed the Conditions to provide net benefits as a whole,  
4 based on the unique nature of this change in ownership. Our testimony will discuss the  
5 Conditions in two categories – mitigating or preventing harm and providing benefits – but  
6 we note that some Conditions fall into both categories.

7 **Q. What harms or concerns has the Commission considered in the past with respect to**  
8 **applications under ORS 757.511?**

9 A. The Commission has addressed concerns and potential harms such as:

- 10 • Burdensome or complicated affiliated interest transactions
- 11 • Weakened access to information about the utility
- 12 • Costs of the transaction and/or transition
- 13 • Threats to the strength of the utility’s financial structure
- 14 • Loss of protections from conditions in prior transactions
- 15 • Service degradation

16 **Q. How do the Conditions mitigate against or prevent complicated or burdensome**  
17 **affiliated interest transactions?**

18 A. The unique circumstances of these Applications made this concern relatively easy to  
19 address. Conditions 1 and 2 work together to assure that PGE engages in transactions with  
20 its affiliates only under express Commission approval and provides the Commission with  
21 access to all books and account, whether of PGE or its affiliates, related to such transactions.  
22 As a practical matter, because PGE effectively will not be in a holding company situation,  
23 the only affiliates PGE is likely to have will be subsidiaries. These Conditions also simply

1 preclude transactions between PGE and the Reserve. A number of the Enron Conditions  
2 were no longer necessary, because they related to PGE becoming part of a large corporate  
3 family of energy companies. This includes Enron Conditions 1, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16.

4 **Q. How do the Conditions assure that the Commission has access to all of the information**  
5 **it needs to regulate PGE effectively?**

6 A. Conditions 2, 3 and 7 assure that the Commission has convenient access to PGE's financial  
7 books and records and also can review, from time to time, the written information PGE and  
8 the Reserve provide the financial community that pertains to PGE. These are the same as  
9 Enron Conditions 3 and 8. Condition 2 actually expands on Enron Condition 2, assuring the  
10 Commission of access to any information at the Reserve that pertains to PGE.

11 **Q. How do the Conditions mitigate against or prevent any weakening in PGE's financial**  
12 **condition?**

13 A. First, we want to re-emphasize that the issuance of the New PGE Common Stock results in  
14 no new debt for PGE, no change to PGE's capital structure and, effectively, no holding  
15 company above PGE with a capital structure and debt ratings that could influence the rating  
16 of PGE's debt. That being said, Condition 5, supplemented by 6(c) and 8, update the Enron  
17 "ring-fence" (Enron Conditions 6 and 9) for the new circumstances of the Reserve's  
18 transitional control of a substantial percentage of PGE's issued common equity stock. The  
19 circumstances of the transitional structure differ from a traditional holding company for  
20 many reasons, including the presence of a significant percentage of stock held by non-  
21 affiliated entities or persons as of the issuance. The presence of minority shareholders, as  
22 well as coverage by the financial community, lessens the ability of creditors, through the  
23 Reserve, to influence PGE's Board to declare dividends that could weaken PGE's financial



1 structure. By the time the Reserve's ownership drops below 40%, the minimum required  
2 equity can also drop. By the time the Reserve's ownership drops below 20%, a "ring fence"  
3 will no longer be necessary. Condition 5 preserves PGE's flexibility to ask for changes in  
4 the minimum common equity percentage required before a dividend can occur. Condition 8  
5 ensures the Commission has written notice of dividend declarations by PGE's Board. This  
6 replaces Enron Condition 9, which would no longer work under the circumstance of public  
7 trading in PGE's stock.

8 Condition 6(c), discussed below, supplements the minimum equity ratio in Condition 5  
9 for the period from a Commission approval of these Applications until 30 days after tariffs  
10 take effect under PGE's next general rate case.

11 In addition, also beginning with the date of a Commission approval of these Applications  
12 until the date of issuance, Condition 11 restricts Enron from taking any distributions from  
13 PGE unless PGE has and can expect to maintain at least a BBB+ senior secured rating from  
14 S&P. In other words, Enron is prohibited from taking any distributions from PGE that will  
15 impair or could be expected to impair the BBB+ credit rating.

16 Finally, Condition 16 provides assurance that Enron will indemnify PGE for liabilities, if  
17 any, related to taxes and employee benefits, as described in Article III of the draft  
18 Separation Agreement (Application Exhibit 17).

19 **Q. How do the Conditions preserve the "hold harmless" guarantees in the Enron**  
20 **Conditions?**

21 A. Condition 6 replaces Enron Conditions 7 and 10, transferring from Enron to PGE the  
22 obligation not to seek recovery for increases in the cost of capital or revenue requirement  
23 due to Enron's ownership. In addition, Condition 6 updates the "hold harmless" for

1 increases in the cost of capital to cover any found by the Commission to be caused by the  
2 Reserve's ownership of PGE of more than 25%. To assure that enforcement of the hold  
3 harmless protections against PGE does not, itself, financially weaken PGE, condition 6(c)  
4 increases the minimum equity required by Condition 5 by \$40 million for the period we  
5 discussed above. The \$40 million, as represented by the additional equity at PGE, may be  
6 use by PGE if the Commission should order certain disallowances in PGE's next general  
7 rate case due to Enron's ownership of PGE.

8 **Q. How do the Conditions prevent service degradation?**

9 A. Conditions 9 and 14 both relate to service quality and fall into that category we mentioned  
10 above of conditions that both prevent harm and provide benefit. Condition 9 extends the  
11 service quality program PGE has operated under since 1997 until and through calendar-year  
12 2016. This program helps ensure that PGE maintains consistent, high levels of service  
13 quality, safety and reliability. In Condition 9, PGE also has agreed to work with ICNU to  
14 explore and develop if necessary any additional service quality standards that address the  
15 needs of industrial customers, particularly high-tech customers that require very high  
16 reliability. In Condition 14, PGE agrees to work with Staff and interested parties to develop  
17 a billing accuracy service quality measure (SQM). The condition contains some parameters  
18 to guide the development of the SQM.

19 **Q. How do the Conditions provide benefits?**

20 A. The Conditions provide benefits in a number of ways:

- 21 • Approval of the Application under the terms of the Settlement will end the  
22 uncertainty of the bankruptcy process with conditions that protect customers and  
23 PGE during issuance and distribution.

- 1           • Continued and augmented focus on excellent service, safety and reliability.

2           We discussed above the conditions relating to service to customers.

- 3           • Improved channels of communication.

4           Condition 12 puts in place processes by which PGE's Board and management will  
5           be available to hear from customer and other interest groups for a period of five  
6           years. This will facilitate good communication during PGE's transition to fully-  
7           traded public ownership.

- 8           • Additional limitations on Enron's ownership and the Reserve's influence.

9           As we discussed above, Conditions 6(c) and 11 take effect upon the  
10          Commission's approval of these applications, rather than upon the stock issuance.  
11          These Conditions provide benefit over the comparison case by strengthening the  
12          restrictions on dividends from PGE to Enron and the Reserve even beyond Enron  
13          Condition 6. In addition, Condition 6(c) makes it easier for the Commission to  
14          enforce Enron Conditions 7 and 10 in PGE's next general rate case without undue  
15          harm to PGE's financial structure.

- 16          • Proposals for new direct access options.

17          Condition 15 commits PGE to develop and/or continue several direct access  
18          options of particular interest to business customers with large electric loads.

- 19          • Rate case simplification.

20          In Condition 13, PGE agrees that any decoupling proposal it might file in its next  
21          general rate case would not apply to Schedule 83 customers, who are already  
22          subject to demand and facilities charges.

- 23          • Enforcement mechanism.

1           Condition 17 provides a mechanism for enforcing these conditions that  
2           supplements the Commission’s existing authority.

- 3           • Improved ring fencing.

4           The unique nature of this transaction results in a more robust ring fencing for  
5           PGE’s customers. As the amount of shares of PGE’s stock in the publicly-traded  
6           market increases, the ability for a block of shareholders (or the Reserve) to  
7           influence PGE’s operations diminishes.

1 **VI. Qualifications**

2 **Q. Ms. Lesh, please describe your qualifications.**

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4 A. I received a BA degree from Washington State University in 1978. I received my J.D. from  
5 the University of Washington School of Law in 1981. I was employed by Portland General  
6 Electric from 1986 to 1997, becoming Vice President, Rates & Regulatory Affairs in  
7 October of 1996. In June 1997, I became a Vice President of Strategy at Connex, Inc.,  
8 where I supervised product management staff and strategic alliances as well as negotiating  
9 client contracts. In January 1999, I returned to PGE as Vice President, Rates & Regulatory  
10 Affairs.

11 **Q. Mr. Conway, please describe your qualifications.**

12 A. I received a BS degree in Economics from the University of Oregon in 1991. I received an  
13 MS degree in Economics from Oregon State University in 1994. In addition, I have  
14 completed all of the required and elective coursework for a Ph.D. in economics from  
15 Oregon State University. My fields of study were Industrial Organization and Applied  
16 From December 1994 to October 1998, I worked for the Oregon Employment Department  
17 as a Research Analyst in their Research Section. Starting in October 1998, I have been  
18 employed by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon. I am currently the Program Manager  
19 of the Economic & Policy Analysis Section. My responsibilities include leading research  
20 and providing technical support on a wide range of policy issues for electric,  
21 telecommunications, and gas utilities. I have testified before the Commission on policy and  
22 technical issues in UG 132, UE 115, UE 116, and have been the Summary Staff Witness in  
23 UP 158, UP 168, UP 165/170, UX 27, UX 28, UM 967, UM 1041, UM 1045, and UM 1121.  
24 I am currently a faculty member of the University of Phoenix teaching economics. From

1 January 1998 through September 2000, I was a part time instructor at Linn-Benton  
2 Community College teaching principles of economics. From July 1992 through June 1994,  
3 I was a graduate teaching assistant at Oregon State University teaching introductory  
4 principles of economics.

5 **Q. Mr. Jenks, please describe your qualifications.**

6 A. I received a BS degree in Economics from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon.  
7 Between 1982 and 1991, I worked for the Oregon State Public Interest Research Group, the  
8 Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group and the Fund for Public Interest Research on  
9 a variety of public policy issues. As Executive Director of Citizens' Utility Board, I have  
10 provided testimony or comments in a variety of OPUC dockets, including UE 88, UE 92,  
11 UM 903, UM 918, UE 102, UP 168, UT 125, UT 141, UE 115, UE 116, UE 137, UE 139,  
12 UE 161, UG 152, UM 995, UM 1050, UM 1071, and UM 1121. I have participated in the  
13 development of a variety of Least Cost Plans and PUC Settlement Conferences. I have  
14 provided testimony to Oregon Legislative Committees on consumer issues relating to energy  
15 and telecommunications. Lobbied the Oregon Congressional delegation on behalf of CUB  
16 and the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates. I am a member of the  
17 National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, the Board of Directors of  
18 OSPIRG Citizen Lobby , and the Telecommunications Policy and Electric Policy  
19 Committees of the Consumer Federation of America.

20 **Q. Does this complete your testimony?**

21 A. Yes, it does.

September 7, 2005

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