

December 14, 2010

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Re: UM 1294 PGE's Application for Reauthorization to Defer Annual Net Variable Power Cost Variance

Enclosed for filing are the original and one copy of Portland General Electric Company's Application for Reauthorization to Defer Annual Net Variable Power Cost Variance.

PGE originally received permission to defer the annual difference between actual and forecasted net variable power costs pursuant to tariff Schedule 126 and Commission Order No. 07-050.

We have provided copies of a Notice of Application to the UE-197 and UE-198 service lists. PGE waives paper service of documents in this proceeding and has e-filed a copy on this date.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions or require further information, please call me at 503-464-7580.

Sincerely,

atrick G/Hager

Manager, Regulatory Affairs

Encl.

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Service Lists: UE 197, UE 198, UM 1294

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day caused the foregoing Notice Of Application For Reauthorization To Defer Annual Net Variable Power Cost Variance to be served by electronic mail to those parties whose email addresses appear on the attached service list, and by First Class US Mail, postage prepaid and properly addressed, to those parties on the service lists (UE-197, UE-198, and UM-1294) who have not waived paper service.

Dated at Portland, Oregon, December 14, 2010

Patrick G. Hage

Manager, Regulatory Affairs

On Behalf of Portland General Electric Company

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Summary Report

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC **UE 197**

Category: Electric Rate Case

Filed By: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC

This filing requests a general rate revision.

Filing Date: 2/27/2008

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

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UE 198 PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC--NET VARIABLE POWER COST

Category: Electric Rate Case

Filed By: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY Request for Net Variable Power Cost Revision.

Filed by James J. Piro, together with UE 197, PGE Request for a general rate revision.

(See UE 197 Initial Utility Filing for electronic and hard copy...

Filing Date: 2/27/2008

Public Meeting: 3/25/2008

Final Order: 08-505

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UM 1294 PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC

Category: Miscellaneous

Filed By: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

Application for Deferred Accounting of Annual Power Cost Variance.

Filed by Patrick G. Hager.

Filing Date: 1/17/2007

Final Order: 09-505

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1294

In the Matter of the Application of Portland General Electric Company for Deferred Accounting of Annual Power Cost Variance

Application For Reauthorization To Defer Annual Net Variable Power Cost Variance

Pursuant to ORS 757.210, ORS 757.259, OAR 860-027-0300, OPUC Orders No. 07-015, 07-050, 08-154, 09-023, and 09-505, PGE tariff Schedule 126, Portland General Electric Company ("PGE") requests reauthorization to defer for later ratemaking treatment certain annual net variable power cost variances ("PCV Deferral"). Schedule 126 is an "automatic adjustment clause" as defined in ORS 757.210.

I. <u>Deferral History</u>.

In Order 07-015, the Commission ordered the adoption of an Annual Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism ("PCAM") for PGE. PGE Schedule 126 contains the terms of the PCV Deferral. The PCV Deferral provides for recognition in rates of the difference, for a given year, between the actual net variable power costs incurred by PGE and the net variable power costs forecasted pursuant to PGE Schedule 125.

On January 17, 2007, PGE filed an application for authorization from the Commission to accrue, for future amortization, the 2007 difference between annual actual net variable power costs and the net variable power costs forecasted pursuant to tariff Schedule 126, in accordance with Order No. 07-015. This PCV Deferral is to capture the net variable power cost difference that will be amortized in rates. The annual variance is determined pursuant to the terms of Schedule 126, which includes a Positive Annual Power Cost Deadband for positive annual

variances, a Negative Annual Power Cost Deadband for negative annual variances, and an earnings test.

On February 16, 2010 PGE filed a general rate case (Docket UE-215). On August 2, 2010 PGE stipulated to resetting the power cost variance deadbands in PGE's Annual Power Cost Variance Mechanism tariff, Schedule 126, to a negative annual power cost deadband of \$15 million and a positive annual power cost deadband of \$30 million. A final Order has not been issued for the rate case, Docket UE 215, as of the filing date for this reauthorization application.

The PCV Deferral was authorized through OPUC Order No. 07-050 and the request to continue the PCAM deferral is filed pursuant to Orders 07-115, and 09-023, 09-505 and ORS §757.210. The continuance of the deferral will minimize the frequency of rate changes or the fluctuation of rate levels or match appropriately the costs borne and benefits received by customers.

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

Filing Deferral for Order Approval Renewal Period Date **PCV** Amortization Date No. \$0 01-16-08 08-154 03/04/08 \$16.1 1-17-08 / 1-16-09 (2008 PCAM) 12-19-08 1-01-09 / 12-31-09 09-023 1/27/09 \$0 \$0 (2009 PCAM) 09-505 12-01-09 1-01-10 / 12-31-10 12/28/09 **TBD** TBD (2010 PCAM) 12-XX-10 1-01-11 / 12-31-11 (2011 PCAM)

Table 1 (\$ Millions)

II. OAR 860-027-0300 Requirements

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

a. Description of Amounts

See the Deferral History above. Amounts will be deferred pursuant to the terms of

Schedule 126.

b. Reasons for Deferral

PGE seeks reauthorization to defer annual net variable power cost variances from January 01, 2011 through December 31, 2011 ("Deferral Period 2011"). Without reauthorization, this deferral will expire on December 31, 2010. The continuance of the deferral will minimize the frequency of rate changes or the fluctuation of rate levels or match appropriately the costs borne and benefits received by customers.

c. Proposed Accounting

PGE proposes to record the Deferred Amount in FERC Account 182.3 (Regulatory Assets); crediting FERC Account 555 (Purchased Power) if there is an amount to collect from customers. PGE would record the Deferred Amount in FERC 254 (Regulatory Liabilities); debiting FERC Account 555 (Purchased Power) if there is a refund to customers. In the absence of a deferred accounting order from the Commission, PGE would record costs associated with the Deferred Amount to FERC 501 (Fuel), FERC 547 (Fuel), FERC 447 (Sales for Resale), FERC 565 (Transmission by Others) and FERC 555 (Purchased Power).

d. Estimate of Amounts

PGE cannot provide an estimate of the amount that will be deferred because it is dependent on actual 2011 information that is currently unknown, including the 2011 PCV and the earnings test required by Schedule 126. PGE requests that, in accordance with ORS 757.259(4), to accrue interest on the unamortized balance at a rate equal to its authorized weighted average cost of capital (currently set at 8.284% in Order 09-176), until amortization of any deferred amounts begin. Afterwards, interest will accrue at a rate to be determined pursuant to the methodology approved in Order 08-263 (UM-1147).

e. <u>Notice</u>

A copy of the Notice of Application for Reauthorization to Defer Annual Net Variable Power Cost Variances and a list of persons served with the Notice are attached to the application as Attachment A.

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

a. <u>Description of deferred account entries</u>

Please see section (II)(a) and II(c) above.

b. The reason for continuing deferred accounting

PGE is seeking approval to continue the PCV Deferral pursuant to Commission Order 07-015, PGE tariff Schedule 126, and Orders No. 07-050, 08-154, 09-023, 09-505 and 08-553 effective January 1, 2009, and (II)(b) above.

IV. PGE Contacts

The authorized addresses to receive notices and communications in respect of this Application are:

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

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V. <u>Conclusion</u>

For the reasons stated above, PGE requests permission to continue to defer annual net variable power cost variances from January 01, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

DATED: December 14, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick/G. Hager

Manager, Regulatory Affairs

On Behalf of Portland General Electric Company

Attachment A

Notice of Application for Reauthorization to Defer Annual Net Variable Power Cost Variance

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1294

In the Matter of the Application of Portland General Electric Company for Deferred Accounting of Annual Power Cost Variance Notice Of Application For Reauthorization To Defer Annual Net Variable Power Cost Variance

On December 14, 2010, Portland General Electric Company ("PGE") filed an application with the Oregon Public Utility Commission (the "Commission") for an Order reauthorizing deferral of the annual net variable power cost variances pursuant to Order 07-015 and PGE tariff Schedule 126.

Approval of PGE's reauthorization 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.

PGE's application will be posted on the OPUC website for persons who wish to obtain a copy or they may contact 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 January 14, 2011.

Dated: December 14, 2010

Manager, Regulatory Affairs

Portland General Electric Company