

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON
UE 435**

In The Matter Of
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
COMPANY
Request for a General Rate Revision

**PETITION TO INTERVENE OF
FRED MEYER STORES AND
QUALITY FOOD CENTERS,
DIVISIONS OF
THE KROGER CO.**

Pursuant to ORS §756.525 and OAR §860-001-0300, the Fred Meyer Stores and Quality Food Centers, Divisions of The Kroger Co. (“Fred Meyer”) hereby petitions the Public Utilities Commission of Oregon (“Commission”) to intervene in this proceeding with full party status as described in OAR §860-001-0010(7). In support of this petition, Fred Meyer represents as follows:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PETITIONER:

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IF THE PETITIONER IS AN ORGANIZATION, THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN AND THE PURPOSES OF THE ORGANIZATION:

The Petitioner is seeking intervention on its own behalf as a customer of Portland General Electric Company (“Portland General”). Petitioner is not seeking intervention in this matter as a member of a trade group or other organization.

NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE PETITIONER’S INTEREST IN THE PROCEEDING:

Petitioner operates approximately 36 grocery and discount department stores in the service territory of Portland General. The total load of Petitioner is approximately 32 MW. Petitioner has a substantial and diverse interest in the outcome of this case that cannot be adequately represented by any other party.

THE ISSUES THE PETITIONER INTENDS TO RAISE AT THE PROCEEDING:

The primary issue Fred Meyer intends to address in this case will be whether the rate increase sought by the Applicant is reasonable and cost-justified. We also intend to address whether the proposed allocation of the rate increase and the design of the new rates are just and reasonable.

ANY SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE OR EXPERTISE OF THE PETITIONER THAT WOULD ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN RESOLVING THE ISSUES IN THE PROCEEDING:

The Kroger Co., the owner of Fred Meyer Stores Inc. and Quality Food Centers, operates in 31 states and has approximately 3500 locations nationwide. Petitioner’s regulatory counsel has extensive experience in all facets of electricity law. We expect to retain expert witnesses, as necessary. This broad familiarity with ratemaking policy gives Petitioner special expertise that will assist the Commission in deciding the issues in this proceeding.

Based on the information provided above in accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, Fred Meyer Stores and Quality Food Centers, Divisions of The Kroger Co. requests to participate in this proceeding as an intervenor with full party status. Petitioner represents that it will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding.

/s/ Kurt J. Boehm

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