

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

DR 10, UE 88, UM 989

In the Matters of)
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The Application of Portland General Electric)
Company for an Investigation into Least Cost)
Plan Plant Retirement (DR 10),)
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Revised Tariffs Schedules for Electric Service in)
Oregon Filed by Portland General Electric)
Company (UE 88),)
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Portland General Electric Company's)
Application for an Accounting Order and for)
Order Approving Tariff Sheets Implementing)
Rate Reduction (UM 989).)

RULING

**DISPOSITION: MOTION FOR EXTENSION AND WAIVER OF
PAPER FILING GRANTED**

On June 14, 2005, Portland General Electric Company (PGE) filed a motion to strike portions of the testimony submitted by Utility Reform Project (URP). On June 29, 2005, Dan Meek, counsel for URP, sent an electronic message to the Commission seeking an extension of time until July 8, 2005, to file a response to PGE’s motion. In his e-mail, Mr. Meek explained that an extension is needed

“because on June 11, undersigned counsel had a slip that resurrected severe back pain he had last experienced five years ago. He has since then not been able to perform such tasks and sitting down without doses of painkillers with marked effects on alertness. While a similar condition experienced in 2000 abated after two weeks, this condition has remained the same and continues to require a narcotic painkiller that affects ability to concentrate.”

Mr. Meek also asked for leave to file this motion in this electronic form only. Although he did not provide any specific reason for this second request, I presume it was made for the same reasons cited above.

URP's request for an extension is granted. Its response to PGE's motion is due July 8, 2005. Under the unique circumstances presented, I also find good cause exists to grant its request for a waiver of OAR 860-013-0036(1), which requires the filing of one original signed document in addition to any supplemental electronic copies. However, I emphasize the need for an original, signed copy in Commission proceedings and that requests for waiver of paper filings will not be routinely granted.

Dated this 30th day of June 2005, at Salem, Oregon.

Michael Grant
Chief Administrative Law Judge