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Via Electronic Mail

Re: OPUC Docket No. LC-33, Port Westward Commercial Operation Date

## Dear LC-33 Participants:

PGE has been targeting a November 2006 commercial operation date for its Port Westward project as part of our integrated resource plan. In my presentation to the Commission on May 26 I indicated that PGE would continue to analyze the commercial operation date to assure it was reasonable for customers. This letter is an update of our current thinking on project timing.

While we have been focusing on the November 2006 date, we have recognized that such a target date has become aggressive and meeting it would be difficult. We have also been cognizant that the date we establish with our contractors might slip during the construction process for a variety of reasons and of the importance of bringing the project on line at a time when it is beneficial to our customers.

Our timeframe for concluding negotiations with our vendors necessitates that we focus primarily on one schedule, rather than two or more. Therefore, with the current uncertainty about being able to meet the aggressive schedule with confidence, we are now putting most of our focus on having the project become commercial in the May 2007 timeframe.

Although the commercial operation date for Port Westward may change, it is important to continue on the same schedule to obtain necessary project approvals and achieve binding commitments with our vendors. Doing so will help avoid material changes in project costs.

PGE's commitment to the Port Westward project has not changed. We continue to believe it is an important resource for our customers and an important part of our resource plan.

Sincerely,

c: Commissioner Lee Beyer

Commissioner Ray Baum

Commissioner John Savage