# October 21, 2005

# Via Electronic Filing and U.S. Mail

Oregon Public Utility Commission Attention: Filing Center PO Box 2148 Salem OR 97308-2148

Re: In the Matter of an Investigation Relating to Electric Utility Purchases from

**Qualifying Facilities** 

OPUC Docket No. UM 1129

Attention Filing Center:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned docket is Portland General Electric's Comments Regarding Staff's Revised Consolidated Issues Lists. This document is being filed by electronic mail with the Filing Center.

An extra copy of this cover letter is enclosed. Please date stamp the extra copy and return it to me in the envelope provided.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

/S/ J. RICHARD GEORGE

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cc: UM 1129 Service List

Enclosure

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day caused to be served the foregoing REQUEST FOR CHANGE TO SERVICE LIST OF PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY filed in OPUC Docket No. UM 1129 by depositing a true and accurate copy with the U.S. Postal Service, posted prepaid and properly addressed to the persons shown on the attached official service list in this proceeding.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2005.

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# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

#### **UM 1129**

In the Matter of	)
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF	) COMMENTS OF PORTLAND
OREGON	) GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
	) REGARDING STAFF'S REVISED
Staff's Investigation Relating to Electric Utility	) CONSOLIDATED ISSUES LISTS
Purchases From Qualifying Facilities	)

#### I. Introduction

Portland General Electric Company ("PGE") hereby submits comments regarding the Consolidated Issues lists distributed by Public Utility Commission of Oregon Staff ("Staff") on October 11, 2005. Our comments on issues are divided to reflect the two issues lists (Phase I – Compliance and Phase II).

## **II.** Phase I Compliance Investigation Issues List:

PGE filed on October 12, 2005, Advice 05-16, which corrects a typographical error and provides necessary clarification as identified in issues 28 and 29. We recommend removing these two issues from the Phase I issues list, subject to approval by the Commission of the above-referenced advice filing.

Issues 1, 2 and 3 are not necessary as they restate the broad purpose of the Phase I investigation.

Further, we observe that the extensive consolidated Phase I issues list prepared by Staff from parties' submittals (resulting from the July 12 utility compliance filings) includes more than 80 separate items. With such an extensive list, we suggest that the Commission consider

requiring parties to categorize issues to assist in understanding the basis for and nature of each issue. We suggest the following categorization:

- Priority A Issues: The issue addresses a specific element in a compliance filing that the party believes does not comply with a provision in the Order No. 05-584 ("Order").
- Priority B Issues: The issue is based on an interpretation of one or more
  provisions of the Order relative to specific terms and conditions in the rate
  schedule, standard contract or the basis for avoided costs.
- Priority C Issues: The issue proposes new terms or conditions or other
   requirements not directly required or addressed by the Order or utility compliance
   filing, or the issue challenges elements of the order.

We believe that if there are issues in the Priority A category, they should be the focus of the Phase I investigation.

Priority B issues include issues that raise questions of "what is reasonable" such as Issues 5, 7, 9, 11 and others which will require consideration in the context of the overall standard contract and tariff provisions to assure contract consistency and maintaining compliance with the Order. While PGE does not object to consideration these types of issues, the value of changing a provision needs to be justified relative to the Order and impact on the overall standard contract and avoided costs.

Issues that present alternative structures or changes to the Order, such as Issue 10, are Priority C and should be more properly addressed within the Phase II track where the record can be more thoroughly developed.

**III.** Phase II Issues Lists

We do not support Staff's timing proposal regarding issues 2 and 6 (per the footnote on

the October 11, 2005 Consolidated Issues List, which states, "Staff proposes to address issues 2

and 6 on the same schedule as the phase I compliance investigation. Therefore, staff did not

include these items in its proposed consolidated list of issues for that investigation."). These two

issues are by the Order part of Phase II, not the compliance investigation. To initiate a separate

Phase II track parallel to the compliance review track for a subset of issues may disadvantage or

confuse the development of a complete record for issues in both the compliance review and

Phase II.

Also, we clarify that issues 4 and 10 are part of the Commission-directed issues set forth

in the Order.

DATED this 21st day of October, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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