### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

#### **OF OREGON**

DR 10, UE 88, UM 989

In the Matters of

The Application of Portland General Electric Company for an Investigation into least Cost Plan Plant Retirement, (DR 10)

Revised Tariffs Schedules for Electric Service in Oregon Filed by Portland General Electric Company, (UE 88)

Portland General Electric Company's Application for an Accounting Order and for Order Approving Tariff Sheets Implementing Rate Reduction. (UM 989) PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY'S OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO REMOVE ISSUES FROM PHASE I

### I. INTRODUCTION

Portland General Electric Company ("PGE") submits this opposition to the motion of the Utility Reform Project and the Class Action Plaintiffs (collectively "URP") to retroactively limit the scope of issues considered by the Commission in Phase I of these remanded proceedings.

### II. DISCUSSION

This is essentially a motion for reconsideration of the denial of URP's previous motion for reconsideration of the scoping order in these proceedings, Order 04-597. URP filed its first motion for reconsideration of Order 04-597 on December 20, 2004, raising exactly the same issues raised in this motion. The Commission denied that motion in Order 05-091, addressing and rejecting the exact arguments URP raises here.

URP makes no new arguments and cites no legal authority in this motion. Instead, URP simply incorporates by reference its previous briefs and arguments on these issues and rehashes those arguments in summary form. The Commission rejected those arguments in Order 05-091, and

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in its predecessor, Order 04-597. PGE urges the Commission to reaffirm those well-reasoned

Orders.

In urging the Commission to adhere to its previous Orders, PGE briefly notes two

points. First, URP's central argument in this motion is that the scope of Phase I, and the scope of

evidence considered by the Commission in Phase I, are different from the scope of Phase III. But, as

the Commission discussed in detail in Order 05-091, the different scope of these phases is a natural

result of the different instructions that the Commission received in the remands of UE 88, DR 10 and

UM 989. The scope of Phase I is different than the scope of Phase III, because the issues on remand

are different. Neither logic nor legal authority compels URP's argument that the scope of the two

phases must be the same.

Second, URP has not been harmed by the scope of these remanded proceedings. URP

has been given the opportunity to raise every argument it has ever asked to raise during multiple

layers of comment, testimony, briefing and hearings. That some of these issues have been addressed

during Phase I and some during Phase III does not amount to a constitutional violation. The

Commission has considered all parties' arguments and announced its intention to address all issues in

a comprehensive Order governing all phases of these proceedings, and due process requires no more.

In sum, PGE respectfully requests that the Commission again reject URP's arguments

for the reasons articulated in Orders 04-597, 05-091, and in PGE's prior briefing on these issues,

which PGE incorporates herein by reference.

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## III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated, PGE respectfully requests that the Commission deny URP's motion to limit Phase I of these proceedings.

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