

January 24, 2008

The Honorable Patrick J. Power
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
550 Capitol Street NE, Suite 215
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Re: *Wah Chang v. PacifiCorp*
Oregon Public Utility Commission
Docket UM 1002

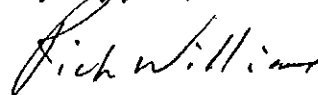
Dear Judge Power:

I am writing to ask about the status of scheduling of oral argument. At the close of the hearing on August 8, 2007, you said you would recommend that the Commission grant Wah Chang's request for oral argument and schedule it after checking the participants' availability. (A copy of pages 212-213 of the transcript is enclosed for convenient reference.)

There was also discussion at the hearing that the parties may be entitled to oral argument as a matter of right if the hearing is a "major proceeding" as defined in the Commission's rules. (This discussion apparently occurred off the record. The transcript does not include it.) The hearing is a major proceeding because it may have a "substantial impact on [PacifiCorp's] utility rates," and the other criteria are satisfied. OAR 860-014-0023(1). The impact on Wah Chang's effective rates during the period at issue is evident and substantial. Separately, according to PacifiCorp, if the Commission grants relief, rates for PacifiCorp's other Oregon customers will increase by 2.8%. Post-Hearing Opening Brief of PacifiCorp at 39. While this claim is incorrect, see Wah Chang's Post-Hearing Reply Brief at 10, it is nonetheless a claim that the hearing may have a substantial impact on rates. Accordingly, the parties are entitled to oral argument before the Commission. ORS 756.518(2).

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,



Richard H. Williams

Enclosure

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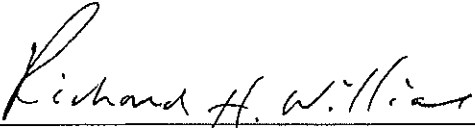
I certify that on January 24, 2008 I served a Letter re: Status of Scheduling of Oral Arguments, addressed to The Honorable Patrick J. Power upon all parties of record in this proceeding by mailing a copy properly addressed with first class postage prepaid, to the following parties or attorneys of parties:

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