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Re: UE 180, 181 AND 184

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Sincerely,

**DOUGLAS C. TINGEY** 

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# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

### **OF OREGON**

UE 180/ UE 181/ UE 184

In the Matter of PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY	) ) )
Request for a General Rate Revision (UE 180),	) )
In the Matter of PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY  Annual Adjustments to Schedule 125 (2007 RVM Filing) (UE 181),	) PORTLAND GENERAL ) ELECTRIC COMPANY'S ) MOTION FOR AMENDMENT ) OF COMMISSION FINAL ) ORDER ) )
In the Matter of	) ) )
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY	)
Request for a General Rate Revision relating to the Port Westward Plant (UE 184).	, ) ) _)

Pursuant to ORS §756.568 Portland General Electric Company ("PGE") moves for amendment to Order 07-015, the Commissions' final order issued in this docket. In the alternative, PGE requests reconsideration of that order pursuant to ORS §756.561. In this motion PGE requests amendment only of the portions of the order dealing with the operational date of the Port Westward plant by moving the required filing date two days. PGE has

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> PGE currently expects Port Westward to be commercially operational before April 30, 2007. PGE is filing this motion as a cautionary measure in case there are unforeseen delays in these final days of construction.

discussed this motion with Staff, the Citizens' Utility Board ("CUB") and the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities ("ICNU"), and none of those parties object to PGE's request to move the date two days.

#### DISCUSSION

One of the issues decided in this rate case was implementation of certain conditions proposed for recovery of Port Westward costs. One of those conditions dealt with the possibility of a delay in the operational date of the plant. A condition suggested by the CUB was: "[t]he tariff associated with Port Westward should only be valid within 30 days of March 1, 2007."

Order 07-015, p. 50. PGE acknowledged CUB's concerns, but suggested that if the Commission adopted CUB's conditions, the Commission should allow three months before reopening this docket. *Id.* The Commission's resolution, also on page 50 of the order, states in pertinent part:

To allow flexibility for PGE, we conclude that the decisions in this consolidated case will prevail, as long as Port Westward becomes operational within 60 days of the estimated March 1, 2007, online date. If Port Westward becomes operational on or after April 30, and before September 1, 2007, Staff and intervenors will have 15 days from the online date to determine whether there is new information that requires a re-examination of PGE's costs in rates.

On page 55 of the order, under the heading "Order", is the following:

PGE shall file revised tariffs consistent with the findings of fact and conclusions of law contained in this order related to Port Westward no earlier than March 1, 2007, and no later than April 30, 2007. The filing must include attestation by a PGE corporate officer that Port Westward's operational testing has been completed and the plant has been released to the system dispatcher for full communal operation.

PGE requests that the Commission change the date for filing revised tariffs from April 30, 2007, to May 2, 2007. As set out in the testimony of Stephen Quennoz and Stephen Schue, PGE 300 in this docket, Black & Veatch Construction, Inc. ("Black & Veatch") is the Engineering, Procurement and Construction contractor for Port Westward. The Black & Veatch contract has a guaranteed completion date of May 1, 2007, and Black & Veatch must pay

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liquidated damages if the work is not completed by that date. PGE 300, p. 47. Specifically, to

meet Black & Veatch's guaranteed completion date, the plant must be completed, ready for

commercial operation, turned over to and accepted by PGE by 11:59 p.m. on May 1, 2007.

Moving the Port Westward tariff filing deadline to May 2 will align the regulatory completion

date with the contractual guaranteed completion date. If the plant is completed and turned over

to PGE on May 1, 2007, PGE will be able to file the attestation required by the Order, along with

revised tariffs, on May 2, 2007. Aligning the dates will also align the interests of PGE and Black

& Veatch in bringing the plant on line. As stated above, Staff, CUB and ICNU do not object to

this minor amendment to the order.

**CONCLUSION** 

For the reasons stated above PGE requests that page 50 and Ordering Paragraph 4 in

Order 07-015 be amended, moving the date for PGE to file attestation that Port Westward is

operational, and revised tariffs, from April 30, 2007, to May 2, 2007.

DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated at Portland, Oregon, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2007.

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