

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

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In the Matter of the Revised Tariff Schedules)	MOTION OF PORTLAND GENERAL
for Electric Service in Oregon filed by)	ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR WAIVER
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC)	OF OAR 860-022-0017
COMPANY)	
)	<u>EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION</u>
)	<u>REQUESTED</u>

Pursuant to OAR 860-022-0017(6), Portland General Electric (“PGE”) hereby requests the issuance of an Order by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (“Commission”) waiving the requirements of OAR 860-022-0017. Further, PGE asks for expedited consideration of this Motion by May 2, 2006, so that if the Motion is denied, PGE will be able to meet the requirements of the rule by May 9, 2006. In support of this Motion, PGE states:

1. On March 15, 2006, PGE filed a general rate case, Docket No. UE 180. Based on the expenses in the 2007 test period, PGE requested a net overall increase in rates of 8.9%. Part of that increase was associated with the inclusion of the costs of the Port Westward combined cycle combustion turbine generation plant PGE is currently constructing (“Port Westward”). The expected commercial operation date is March 1, 2007.

2. In UE 180, PGE requested that any rate change resulting from that docket be implemented in January 2007, except for the costs associated with Port Westward. PGE filed revised tariffs in that docket accordingly. With respect to Port Westward, PGE requested that the Commission decide the cost changes associated with Port Westward and allow PGE to file

compliance tariffs affecting the revenue requirement change when the plant begins commercial operation.

3. In order to address the concerns of one or more parties to docket UE 180 that PGE's original approach with regards to the Port Westward costs was improper, PGE has made the filing in this docket. The rate request in this docket includes the same proposed costs and revenue requirements that are proposed in Docket UE 180, including the revenue requirement associated with Port Westward. The tariffs filed in this docket implement the requested rate change when Port Westward begins providing utility service.

4. On March 27, 2006, in compliance with OAR 860-022-0017, PGE caused to be published in *The Oregonian* and *The Salem Statesman Journal* a display advertisement announcing the general rate revision in Docket UE 180. A copy of the advertisement is attached as Exhibit A. This display advertisement informed customers about the rate increase in general and the construction of the Port Westward plant in particular. The numbers that were included in the display advertisement, an 8.9% increase, or \$143 million annually, included the Port Westward costs at issue in this docket.

5. OAR 860-022-0017(6) provides that the Commission may waive the requirement to announce a general rate revision upon a showing: (1) "that the notice required by this rule has been given" and (2) "that additional notice with respect to that rate revision would be duplicative, confusing to customers, and burdensome to the utility." The notice required by this rule has already been given to customers on March 27, 2006. Customers have been duly notified of PGE's request for inclusion in rates the costs of Port Westward when it enters utility service. Additional notice would be duplicative of that notice. It would cause confusion among PGE's

customers, who may think that the request in this docket is an additional increase on top of the increase that was already requested and included in the published notice.

For the reasons stated above, PGE requests that the requirements of OAR 860-022-0017 be waived with respect to this docket.

PGE further requests that this Motion be considered in an expedited manner. Under OAR 860-013-0050(3)(d), responses to this Motion would typically be due within 15 days. However, if the Motion is not granted, PGE will be required to meet the requirements of OAR 860-022-0017 within 15 days, or by May 9, 2006. Therefore, PGE respectfully requests that the Commission provide for responses, if any, on an expedited basis and issue an Order by May 2, 2006, allowing PGE enough time to meet the May 9 deadline if publication is necessary.

DATED this 24th day of April, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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Information about proposed electricity price changes, and how we can help you use electricity wisely.

On March 15, PGE filed a request with the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC) for a general rate revision to increase rates 8.9 percent, or \$143 million annually in 2007. It is the first step in about a ten-month public process.

This price increase covers increased wholesale power and fuel costs, building a new power plant to serve PGE customers and other operating expenses needed to maintain high levels of service and reliability.

PGE meets a growing need by securing our customers' energy future.

Our territory's demand for electricity is growing by about 2 percent annually. For example, PGE added 14,333 new customer accounts in 2005. That's like adding another Oregon City in just one year! Over four years, customer numbers have grown by 6.5 percent.

To meet this growing demand, PGE has a plan to secure our customers' energy future. PGE is building a new super-efficient power plant that is being constructed right now in Columbia County near Clatskanie. We're buying more power from Oregon wind farms, too. Together, this means more energy is on its way to our customers.

We're putting our energy in to helping you save energy.

PGE is uniquely able to help you learn ways to conserve energy and manage your bill. Our Energy Experts have a wealth of advice, tips and strategies to help you save energy. Call them today at **1-800-722-9287** or visit **PortlandGeneral.com**. There's also valuable information on how to get cash back on the energy efficiency improvements you make to your home or business.

What's the bottom line for PGE customers?

The proposed price increase is 8.9 percent across all customer types. If our request is approved, Residential customers (Schedule 7) will see an 8.5 percent increase. Business customers (Schedule 32) will see a 10.5 percent increase. Industrial customers (Schedule 83) will see an 8.7 percent increase.

The average PGE residential customer using 900 kilowatt-hours per month will see an increase of \$6.64 in their monthly bill.

You can have a say in the process.

Prices are set for Oregon's investor-owned utilities in an open, transparent process called a rate case. It is conducted by the OPUC and includes significant involvement from customer groups, local governments and other parties. You are welcome to join in the process by sharing your thoughts at public meetings hosted by the OPUC.

Copies of the PGE rate case filing (OPUC docket number UE-180), testimony and exhibits can be viewed at **www.PortlandGeneral.com/tariffs**. Printed copies are available for inspection at any PGE Community Office. For locations, call PGE Customer Service at **503-228-6322** in Portland, **503-399-7717** in Salem or **1-800-542-8818** outside Portland and Salem.

You may also write the OPUC at 550 Capitol Street N.E., Suite 215, Salem, OR 97301-2551, go to **www.puc.state.or.us** or call the OPUC toll-free at **1-800-522-2404**.

Please note that the purpose of this announcement is to provide PGE customers with general information about this proposal to increase prices and its effect on customers. Calculations and statements contained in this announcement are not binding on the OPUC.



Portland General Electric