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October 12, 2011

Via Electronic Filing and U.S. Mail Oregon Public Utility Commission Attention: Filing Center 550 Capitol Street NE, #215

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Re: **UE 228** 

Attention Filing Center:

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- Motion to Admit Stipulation & Testimony;
- Stipulation;
- Affidavit of Donald Schoenbeck;
- Affidavit of Bob Jenks;
- Affidavit of Patrick Hager; and
- Joint Testimony in Support of Stipulation (UE 228/Schue-Schoenbeck-Jenks-Hager/100-101)

This is being filed by electronic mail with the Filing Center. An extra copy of the cover letter is enclosed. Please date stamp the extra copy and return to me in the envelope provided.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

DOUGLAS C. TINGEY Assistant General Counsel

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In the Matter of	)
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY	) MOTION TO ADMIT ) STIPULATION & TESTIMONY
2012 Annual Power Cost Update Tariff	) )
(Schedule 125)	)

Pursuant to OAR 860-001-0350(7), Portland General Electric Company ("PGE") moves for admission of the attached Stipulation, dated October 12, 2011, submitted herewith as evidence in this proceeding. PGE also moves that the following testimony and exhibit(s) in support of that Stipulation be admitted into the record of this proceeding:

Testimony	Witness(es)
Joint Testimony in Support	Steve Schue
of Stipulation/100-101	Donald Schoenbeck
	Bob Jenks
	Patrick Hager

The affidavits of Messrs. Schoenbeck, Jenks and Hager attesting to the truth and accuracy of the testimony are attached. The affidavit of Mr. Schue will be filed as soon as it can be obtained. Mr. Hager's original affidavit is being filed. Messrs. Schoenbeck and Jenks have provided electronic copies. PGE will file the originals with the Filing Center upon receipt.

DATED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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**UE 228** 

In the Matter of Portland General Electric Company's 2012 Annual Power Cost Update Tariff (Schedule 125)

**STIPULATION** 

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**UE 228** 

In the Matter of	)				
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY	) ) ).	AFFIDAVIT OF DONALD SCHOENBECK			
2012 Annual Power Cost Update Tariff (Schedule 125)	)				
I, Donald Schoenbeck, being first duly	worn on oath, de	epose and say:			
1. My name is Donald Scho	enbeck. I am a	consultant working for the Industrial			
Customers of Northwest Utilities ("ICN	U") in this matte	r.			
2. I am filing testimony and	I am filing testimony and associated exhibits (Joint Testimony in Support of				
Stipulation/100-101) on behalf of ICNU	in this matter.				
3. To the best of my knowl	edge, my testimo	ny is true and accurate.			
SIGNED this /at/day of October	r, 2011.				
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DONALD SCHOENBECK		_			
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN	o before me this	12 day of October, 2011.			
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I, Bob Jenks, being first duly sworn	on oath, depose and	say:
1. My name is Bob Jen	ks. I am Executive I	Director of the Citizens' Utility Board of
Oregon ("CUB").		
2. I am filing testimony	y and associated exhil	oits (Joint Testimony in Support of
Stipulation/100-101) on behalf of C	CUB in this matter.	
3. To the best of my kn	nowledge, my testimo	ny is true and accurate.
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I, Patrick Hage	r, being first duly sworn on o	ath, depose ar	nd say:	
1.	My name is Patrick Hager. I am a manager for Portland General Electric			
Company ("PG	EE").			
2.	2. I am filing testimony and associated exhibits (Joint Testimony in Support of			
Stipulation/100	0-101) on behalf of PGE in thi	is matter.		
3.	To the best of my knowledge, my testimony is true and accurate.			
4.	My witness qualification statement is attached to this affidavit.			
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## Witness Qualification Statement of Patrick Hager

I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from Santa Clara University in 1975 and a Master of Arts degree in Economics from the University of California at Davis in 1978. In 1995, I passed the examination for the Certified Rate of Return Analyst (CRRA). In 2000, I obtained the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation.

I have taught several introductory and intermediate classes in economics at the University of California at Davis and at California State University Sacramento. In addition, I taught intermediate finance classes at Portland State University. Between 1996 and 2004, I served on the Board of Directors for the Society of Utility and Regulatory Financial Analysts.

I have been employed at PGE since 1984, beginning as a business analyst. I have worked in a variety of positions at PGE since 1984, including power supply. My current position is Manager, Regulatory Affairs.

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day caused MOTION TO ADMIT STIPULATION &

TESTIMONY, STIPULATION, AFFIDAVITS, AND JOINT TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

OF STIPULATION to be served by electronic mail to those parties whose email addresses

appear on the attached service list for OPUC Docket No. UE 228.

Dated at Portland, Oregon, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

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# OF THE STATE OF OREGON

# **UE 228**

2012 Annual Power Cost Update Tariff (Schedule 125)

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

Joint Testimony in Support of Stipulation

# UE 228 / Staff-ICNU-CUB-PGE / 100 Schue-Schoenbeck-Jenks-Hager / i

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#### I. Introduction

1	Q.	Please state	your	names	and	positions	, ?
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- 2 A. My name is Steve Schue. I am a Senior Analyst employed by the Public Utility
- 3 Commission of Oregon (Commission). My qualifications will be provided with my
- 4 affidavit.
- My name is Donald Schoenbeck. I am a consultant working for the Industrial
- 6 Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) in this matter. My qualifications have been
- 7 provided in ICNU Exhibit 101.
- 8 My name is Bob Jenks. I am the Executive Director of the Citizens' Utility Board
- 9 (CUB). My qualifications have been provided in CUB Exhibit 101.
- My name is Patrick Hager. I am a manager for PGE. My qualifications are being
- provided with my affidavit.

#### 12 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

- A. Our purpose is to describe and support a stipulation ("Stipulation") between Commission
- Staff, ICNU, CUB, and PGE (the "Parties") regarding issues raised in this docket (UE 228).
- The Stipulation resolves all issues identified by the Parties except for the issue of hedging
- raised by CUB and ICNU.

#### 17 Q. Please summarize the UE 228 Stipulation.

- 18 A. The parties agree that PGE will reduce the 2012 power cost forecast by \$600,000. The
- \$600,000 adjustment settles the following issues: the forced outage rate for Port Westward,
- 20 the calculation of the kVar charges billed to BPA, and the treatment of the load forecasts.
- The Settlement does not prevent parties from requesting that changes be made on these
- issues in future Annual Power Cost Update Tariff ("AUT") proceedings. The Stipulation

- resolves identified issues that affect net variable power costs (NVPC) for the 2012 AUT including:
- 1. The appropriate source of forward price curves to be used to project power costs in AUT

  proceedings. Parties agree that PGE will continue to use its internally generated forward

  price curves for natural gas and power, and that PGE will, upon request and subject to a

  protective order, provide monthly forward price curve updates during the AUT process.
  - Scheduled maintenance for Colstrip Unit 4 in 2012. The planned maintenance outage for Colstrip Unit 4 included in PGE's initial filing in this docket has been postponed and its associated cost has been removed.
  - 3. The treatment of load forecast adjustments for demand responses to small retail price changes (price elasticity of demand) and to small changes in energy efficiency. The Parties agree that in this and subsequent AUT proceedings no adjustment for price elasticity of demand will be included in the load forecast if the projected impact of the Schedule 125 rate change, whether positive or negative, is less than three percent (3%). The Parties also agree that in this AUT docket PGE will continue to include an adjustment for energy efficiency in the load forecast. The Parties make no agreement regarding the inclusion of an energy efficiency adjustment in future AUT proceedings.
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- November update filing. For months without gas financial contracts, PGE has agreed to address the power cost effects of the Rockies/Sumas basis in its initial 2013 AUT filing.
- 5. The calculation of the forced outage rate for the Port Westward plant. In the current
  AUT filing, PGE uses a calculated average forced outage rate based on two years of
  actual experience and two years at 5%. ICNU recommended that PGE use Coyote
  Springs' forced outage rate as a proxy for Port Westward's forced outage rate. The
  Parties have agreed that PGE's calculation will not be modified in the 2012 AUT.
- 8 6. The calculation of kVar charges billed by BPA.
- ICNU proposed a downward adjustment to the kVar charges estimated to be paid by PGE to BPA. The Parties have agreed that no change in the methodology will be made by PGE in this proceeding.
- 12 A copy of the Stipulation is attached as Exhibit 101.

## II. Adjustments

- 1 Q. Why did Parties agree to retain PGE's internally generated forward curves?
- 2 A. The Parties compared PGE's forward curves to publicly available curves and found that
- 3 observed differences were both minor and explainable. Therefore, the Parties agreed to
- 4 retain PGE's forward curves in AUT filings but decided that, given the proprietary nature of
- 5 PGE's forward curves, they wanted more frequent updates of PGE's forward curves. PGE
- agrees to provide monthly forward curve updates to the Parties, if requested, during the
- 7 AUT process.
- 8 Q. Why is the Colstrip Unit 4 planned maintenance outage removed?
- 9 A. Colstrip Unit 4 planned maintenance outage was initially modeled in PGE's April 1 power
- 10 cost filing. The plant has since confirmed that the planned maintenance has been postponed
- until 2013 and the outage has been removed from subsequent NVPC updates. This
- information was transmitted to Parties in PGE's "Planned Maintenance Outage Update
- Letter" filed on July 1, 2011.
- 14 Q. Please explain the proposed modeling of customer response to changes in retail price
- 15 and energy efficiency.
- 16 A. Given the small magnitudes of the rate changes in this proceeding, PGE proposed that no
- adjustment be made to the load forecast in the current AUT to account for customer demand
- responses to price changes. CUB stated that it had no objection in principle to making no
- adjustment when the resulting effect of a power cost change on customer rates was not
- 20 material, but it believed it was good policy to obtain agreement among the Parties as to what
- exactly constitutes a non-material price change. For demand response to price changes,
- Parties agreed that it is reasonable to set the materiality threshold for a price change at 3%.

In other words, changes in retail prices less than 3% will be deemed to have a non-material effect on customer demand and no adjustment will be made to PGE's load forecast.

PGE also proposed that energy efficiency improvements are embedded in the data serving as the basis for the load forecast and, as a result, no further adjustment should be made to incorporate the effects of energy efficiency. However, Parties desired more evidence demonstrating that energy efficiency was already included in the historical data and thus agreed that the energy efficiency adjustment will be included in the 2012 AUT filing and that parties can revisit the issue in the 2013 AUT.

- Q. Please describe the logic of the proposed treatment of the Rockies-Sumas price differential in Monet.
  - A. PGE's Port Westward and Beaver natural gas-fired plants can be fueled by two alternative trading hubs: Sumas gas and Rockies gas. In its direct testimony, ICNU recommended that "Rockies supply be taken into account to achieve the maximum value for this supply" (ICNU 100, p. 3, lines 16-17). PGE explained that any cost advantage of Rockies gas (when it exists) is realized in Monet by "marking to market" the physical forward contracts included in Monet. If however, at the time of a specific AUT filing, PGE has entered into financial contracts for gas (typically fixed for floating swaps) but has not also entered into corresponding contracts for physical gas, the cost savings from Rockies gas (if it exists) will not be reflected in Monet. To deal with this issue, PGE agrees to close all physical gas deals corresponding to financial contracts in time to be included in the first AUT filing in November.

CUB also noted that it was possible for PGE to realize the price differential between Rockies and Sumas gas in months when (1) no gas financial contracts are present in Monet,

- 1 (2) pipeline capacity was available and (3) Sumas gas was selling at a premium to Rockies
- gas. PGE agrees to address the Sumas Rockies price differential in the initial 2013 AUT
- 3 filing.
- 4 Q. Please describe the resolution of the calculation of the Port Westward forced outage
- 5 rate.
- 6 A. In its initial 2012 AUT filing, PGE calculated Port Westward's forced outage rate as a four-
- year average consisting of two years of actual plant experience and two years at 5%. The
- 8 5% rate was PGE's estimate of Port Westward's forced outage rate prior to obtaining any
- 9 operational experience with the plant. ICNU recommended that Coyote's forced outage rate
- be used as a proxy for Port Westward. PGE explained that the forced outage rate calculation
- followed the practice discussed in UM 1355 of excluding the initial two years of operation
- and using the outage rate used in the IRP process. No adjustment was made to the Port
- Westward forced outage rate.
- Q. Please describe the issue relating to the kVar charges that PGE pays to BPA.
- 15 A. ICNU recommended a reduction to the forecast kVar charge included in PGE's initial filing.
- Parties agreed that PGE would update the forecast kVar charge in the 2011 AUT
- proceeding, but that no change in the methodology will be made by PGE in this proceeding.

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## 1 Q. What do the Parties request of the Commission?

- 2 A. The Parties respectfully request that the Commission issue an Order approving the
- 3 Stipulation in this proceeding finding that it is in the public interest and results in fair, just,
- and reasonable rates. Further, the Parties request that such Order be issued no later than
- October 26 to facilitate PGE's direct access in November. The parties also request that the
- 6 Commission resolve the outstanding hedging issue.
- 7 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?
- 8 A. Yes.

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