1	<b>BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION</b>						
2	<b>OF OREGON</b>						
3	UM 1460						
4 5 6 7 8 9	In the Matter of PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON Staff Recommendation to Use Oregon Electricity Regulators Assistance Project Funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to Develop Commission Smart Grid Objectives for 2010-2014.						
10	Motion						
11	Pursuant to ORS 756.568, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Staff)						
12	requests that the Commission amend its Order No. 12-158 to allow the three electric utilities to						
13	file their respective Smart Grid Reports on a biennial cycle rather than on the currently mandated						
14	annual cycle. More specifically, in its Order No. 12-158, the Commission set forth the following						
15	requirement for the filing of Smart Grid Reports by Portland General Electric Company (PGE),						
16	PacifiCorp, and Idaho Power Company (Idaho Power):						
17	"Every year, beginning in 2013, each electric utility must file a smart-grid report on a						
18	staggered schedule:						
19	i. PGE – June 1						
20	ii. Pacific Power – August 1						
21	iii. Idaho Power – October 1"						
22	See Order No. 12-158 at 4.						
23	Staff requests that the Commission amend the Order's quoted language so that it reads as						
24	follows (insertion shown in <b>bold</b> ):						
25	"Every other year, beginning in 2017, each electric utility must file a smart-grid report						
26	on a staggered schedule:						

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1i.PGE–June 12ii.Pacific Power –August 1

3 iii. Idaho Power – October 1"

Under Staff's proposed modified ordering language, the three electric utilities will still
file their respective Smart Grid Reports in 2017 (as PGE has already done), but they will not
have to file the next report until 2019 (rather in 2018). The reporting intervals of June for PGE,
August for PacifiCorp and October for Idaho Power would remain the same under Staff's
proposed language change.

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## Support for Motion

10 Staff held a workshop with interested parties, including all three affected utilities, on May 11 15, 2017. The purpose of the meeting was to receive suggestions from such parties about ways 12 to improve the current Smart Grid Report and the reporting process generally. The one 13 suggested change that all parties either agreed upon, or did not oppose, was to change the 14 reporting cycle as set forth in this Motion.

While a party may have had its own reasons for supporting such a change, all appeared to 15 agree that the information contained in the Smart Grid Report was not of the type that required 16 yearly updating. One common observation among parties was the relatively brief time period 17 between the Commission's acceptance of the previous year's Smart Grid Report and the current 18 year's Report (usually around eight months). Parties noted that this does not give the utilities 19 sufficient time for any significant updates to occur and also may not allow enough time to fully 20 analyze longer-term impacts of smart grid investments. This can result in few changes occurring 21 in the Smart Grid Reports from year to year. As such, it may reasonably be refreshed on a two-22 year, rather than annual, cycle. 23

Staff informed the parties after the workshop that it intended to file this Motion and asked for all parties to respond with either their support for the Motion or a statement of neutrality or opposition. As of the date of this Motion, Staff heard from the following parties, each of whom

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1	expressed support for	or the Motion:	PGE, P	PacifiCorp,	Idaho Power,	, the Oregon	Department of
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2 Energy and the Northwest Energy Coalition.

3	Conclusion					
4	For the reasons stated, Staff requests that the Commission amend its Order No. 12-158 as					
5	set forth in this Motion.					
6	DATED this day of June, 2017					
7	Respectfully submitted,					
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