1	BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
2	LIM 1712
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4	COMMISSION OF OREGON
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6 Investigation into Large Customer Energy Efficiency Limitations 7	
8	Introduction
9	Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Staff) asks the Administrative Law
10	Judge to issue an order holding this matter in abeyance to give parties to this proceeding
11	opportunity to craft a legislative proposal that may be used to address the issues precipitating this
12	docket. Staff's motion is supported by the other parties to this docket, which are Citizens' Utility
13	Board of Oregon (CUB), Portland General Electric Co. (PGE), PacifiCorp, the Industrial
14	Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU), the Energy Trust of Oregon (Energy Trust), and the
15	NW Energy Coalition (NWEC).
16	Background
17	Energy Trust is charged with acquiring cost-effective energy efficiency for PGE and
18	PacifiCorp. Energy Trust forecasts that as early as next year it will be unable to acquire all cost-
19	effective energy efficiency identified through PGE's Integrated Resource Planning (IRP)
20	process. This is due to a statutory funding limitation for large energy users. There is simply more
21	demand for energy efficiency projects for these customers than there are funds to provide
22	program assistance.
23	Through testimony submitted in Docket No. UE 283, PGE's 2014 general rate case,
24	several parties recognized the importance of acquiring all cost-effective energy efficiency and
25	the need to address the issue identified by Energy Trust. Several parties to Docket No. UE 283
26	entered into a stipulation in that docket asking the Commission to open an investigation into the

1	limit on energy efficiency acquisition forecasted by Energy Trust. ¹ The Commission approved
2	the stipulation and opened this docket. ²
3	Request to Hold in Abeyance
4	The parties to this docket attended a settlement conference on May 6, 2015. At that
5	conference, the parties (listed above) agreed to meet to discuss legislative proposals that could
6	address the issues precipitating this docket rather than immediately pursue an administrative
7	solution before the Commission. The parties agreed that this docket should be held in abeyance
8	while they collaborated on a potential legislative solution. The parties agreed that the docket
9	should remain in abeyance until at least August 6, 2015, to give them opportunity to meet and
10	vet different proposals.
11	Accordingly, Staff files this motion to request that the Commission hold this docket in
12	abeyance until August 6, 2015. Staff will file a status report prior to August 6, 2015, stating
13	whether the parties would like the abeyance to continue to allow parties opportunity to continue
14	working on a legislative proposal or whether the parties would like the ALJ to establish a
15	procedural schedule for the remainder of this docket.
16	DATED this
17	Respectfully submitted,
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25	¹ UE 283 Third Partial Stipulation (filed September 25, 2014).
26	² In the Matter of Portland General Electric Co., Request for a General Rate Revision, Order No.

14-422 (Docket No. UM 283).

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