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Via Electronic and US Mail

Public Utility Commission Attn: Filing Center 550 Capitol St. NE #215 P.O. Box 2148 Salem OR 97308-2148

#### In the Matter of PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC 2011 Annual Re: Power Cost Variance Mechanism Docket No. UE 256

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed please find the original and one (1) copy of the Petition to Intervene on behalf of the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities in the above-referenced docket.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sarah A. Kohler Sarah A. Kohler

Enclosures

Service List cc:

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing Petition to

Intervene on behalf of the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities upon the parties, on the

service list, by causing the same to be deposited in the U.S. Mail, postage-prepaid, and via

electronic mail.

Dated at Portland, Oregon, this 12th day of July, 2012.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sarah A. Kohler Sarah A. Kohler

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## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

#### **OF OREGON**

**UE 256** 

| In the Matter of                | ) |                              |
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| PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC       | ) | PETITION TO INTERVENE OF THE |
|                                 | ) | INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS OF      |
| 2011 Annual Power Cost Variance | ) | NORTHWEST UTILITIES          |
| Mechanism                       | ) |                              |
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Pursuant to ORS § 756.525 and OAR § 860-001-0300(2), the Industrial

Customers of Northwest Utilities ("ICNU") petitions the Public Utility Commission of Oregon

("Commission") to intervene in this proceeding with full party status as described in OAR § 860-

001-0010(7). ICNU waives paper service of all non-confidential filings. In support of this

petition, ICNU represents as follows:

1. The business address of ICNU is:

Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities 818 SW 3rd Avenue, #266 Portland, OR 97204

2. ICNU will be represented in this proceeding by Davison Van Cleve, P.C.

All documents relating to these proceedings should be served on ICNU's attorneys and

consultant at the following address:

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3. ICNU is an incorporated, non-profit association of large industrial electric customers in the Pacific Northwest, with offices in Portland, Oregon. A list of ICNU members is included as Attachment A. Many of ICNU's members are customers of Portland General Electric Company ("PGE"), as shown on Attachment A.

4. On June 29, 2012, PGE filed testimony associated with its 2011 Annual Power Cost Variance Mechanism ("PCAM") with the Commission. PGE claims that its actual power costs for the 2011 calendar year period were \$17.3 million lower than the forecasted power costs in rates; however, PGE's PCAM includes a "deadband" under which small differences between actual and forecast net power costs are not charged or refunded to customers. PGE estimates that the PCAM refund to customers will be \$5.5 million after the application of the earnings deadband. ICNU requests leave to intervene in this Docket to represent its members who are affected by the operation of PGE's PCAM, and to investigate the refund amount owed to customers.

5. ICNU has extensive experience with PGE's rates and with previous proceedings related to PGE's power cost mechanism. ICNU's intervention in this proceeding will assist the Commission in resolving the issues and will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or delay this proceeding.

6. As described above, ICNU has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding that will not be adequately represented by any other party, and may be affected by any Commission determination made in connection with these proceedings. Therefore, it is in the public interest to allow ICNU to intervene in this proceeding.

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WHEREFORE, ICNU respectfully requests that the Commission grant its petition

to intervene with full party status in this proceeding.

Dated this 12th day of July, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVISON VAN CLEVE, P.C.

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#### ATTACHMENT A INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS OF NORTHWEST UTILITIES

Air Liquide Air Products **Amcor Rigid Plastics** Certain Teed Gypsum & Ceiling Manufacturing, Inc. (BPB) Boeing\*\* **Boise Cascade LLC** Boise Paper\*\* **ConAgra** Foods D R Johnson Lumber Company Dyno Nobel, Inc. Eka Chemicals, Inc. **Emerald Performance Materials, LLC** Equa-Chlor, LLC Evraz, Inc.\*\* Freres Lumber Co. Georgia-Pacific Grays Harbor Paper, L.P. Inland Empire Paper Co. Intel\*\* **International Paper** JR Simplot\*\* Linde, Inc.\*\* Longview Fibre Microsoft Corporation Norpac Foods\*\* PCC Structurals, Inc\*\* **REC Solar Grade Silicon LLC** SP Newsprint\*\* Shell Oil Products US Simpson Paper & Timber Tesoro Refining and Marketing Co. Wah Chang West Linn Paper Company\*\* Weyerhaeuser

\*\*Denotes PGE Customers