
BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
COMPANY,

Request for a General Rate Revision

Docket No. UE 435

**PETITION FOR LEAVE TO
INTERVENE OF WALMART INC.**

Pursuant to ORS 756.525 and OAR 860-001-0300(2), Walmart Inc. (“Walmart”) hereby petitions the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (“Commission”) for leave to intervene in the above-referenced docket as an intervenor to appear and participate as a party with full party status.

The grounds therefore are as follows:

1. The name and address of Intervenor is:

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2. Walmart will be represented in this proceeding by its attorney:

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3. Please include Mr. Austin, Ms. Caviglia, and Ms. Shaffer on the service list for this matter.

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4. Walmart is seeking intervention on its own behalf as a customer of Portland General Electric Company (“PGE”). Petitioner is not seeking intervention in this matter as a member of a trade group or other organization.

5. Walmart is an American multinational retail corporation with stores in all fifty (50) states and Puerto Rico. Walmart operates 43 retail units, a distribution center, and employs over 12,000 associates in Oregon.¹ In the fiscal year ending 2023, Walmart purchased over \$1 billion worth of goods and services from Oregon-based suppliers, supporting over 18,000 suppliers jobs. Walmart is also a large commercial customer of PGE, owning and operating approximately 16 retail store and related facilities in the Company’s territory. Collectively, these facilities consume over 40 million kWh of electricity annually.

6. Walmart has a direct, immediate, diverse and substantial interest in the outcome of this case and the interests of Walmart will not be adequately represented by any other party to this proceeding. The rates that Walmart pays for electric service in Oregon will be affected by a Commission decision in this proceeding.

7. Walmart has not yet determined the extent of its participation or the precise nature of the relief that it will request but anticipates participating in this matter to the extent necessary to ensure its interests in Oregon are protected.

¹ <https://corporate.walmart.com/about/location-facts/united-states/oregon>

8. The interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding will not be impaired by the grant of Walmart's Petition to Intervene. Neither will Walmart's participation unnecessarily broaden the issues or burden the record in this proceeding. Thus, it is in the public interest to allow Walmart to intervene in this proceeding.

9. WHEREFORE, Walmart respectfully requests that the Commission enter an Order granting Walmart permission to intervene in this docket and to participate to the full extent allowed by the law so that it may appropriately represent its interests as circumstances warrant in this proceeding.

DATED this 15th day of March, 2024.

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