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Re: UE 215

Attention Filing Center:

Enclosed for filing in the captioned docket are an original and five copies of:

- STIPULATION REGARDING CITY OF PORTLAND ISSUES
- SUPPORTING JOINT TESTIMONY & EXHIBIT (UE 215/Gray-Peters-Cody/700-701)

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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,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

UE 215

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

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settlement conferences in this docket, are confidential and not admissible in the instant or any subsequent proceeding, unless independently discoverable or offered for other purposes allowed under ORS 40.190.

IX. If the Commission rejects all or any material part of this Stipulation, or adds any material condition to any final order which is not contemplated by this Stipulation, each Stipulating Party disadvantaged by such action shall have the rights provided in OAR 860-014-0085 and OAR 860-014-0095 including the right to withdraw from the stipulation and to seek reconsideration of the Commission's order. Nothing in this paragraph provides any Stipulating Party the right to withdraw from this Stipulation as a result of the Commission's resolution of issues that this Stipulation does not resolve.

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XII. This Stipulation may be signed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be

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an original for all purposes, but all of which taken together will constitute one and the same agreement.

DATED this day of September, 2010.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day caused STIPULATION REGARDING CITY OF PORTLAND ISSUES and JOINT TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF STIPULATION (UE 215/Gray-Peters-Cody/700-701) to be served by electronic mail to those parties whose email addresses appear on the attached service list and by method specified, postage prepaid and properly addressed, to those parties on the attached service list who have not waived paper service from OPUC Docket No. UE 215.

Dated at Portland, Oregon, this 15th day of September, 2010.

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Stipulation Regarding City of Portland Issues Joint Testimony & Exhibits

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I. Introduction and Settlement Description

1	Q.	Please state your names and positions.
2	A.	My name is Richard Gray. I am a Contract Administrator and Senior Management Analyst
3		with the City of Portland's Bureau of Transportation. My qualifications appear in COP
4		Éxhibit 101.
5		My name is Lon Peters. I am an independent consulting economist providing services
6		to the City of Portland in this docket. My qualifications appear in COP Exhibit 104.
7		My name is Marc Cody. I am a Senior Analyst for Portland General Electric (PGE).
8		My qualifications appear in PGE Exhibit 1500.
9	Q.	What is the purpose of your testimony?
10	A.	Our purpose is to describe the Stipulation Regarding City of Portland Issues reached among
11		the City of Portland (COP) and PGE (the Parties) regarding certain rate design and street
12		lighting issues in this docket (UE 215).
13	Q.	What is the basis for the Partial Stipulation?
14	A.	PGE filed this general rate case on February 16, 2010. Over the subsequent three months,
15		Staff, CUB, ICNU, the COP and other parties submitted over 700 data requests regarding
16		PGE's filing.
17		Parties submitted opening testimony on June 4. PGE submitted Reply Testimony on
18		July 19, and the COP submitted Rebuttal Testimony on August 9. Parties participated in a
19		Settlement Conference on September 7 and negotiations among the Parties resulted in the
20		settlement agreement described in this testimony.
21	Q.	Please summarize the rate design settlement.
22	A.	This stipulation settles all design issues among the Parties, including issues related to street
23		lighting. A copy of the stipulation is provided as Exhibit 701.

1	•	The Parties agree that PGE will initiate a rate design study during 2011 with input from
2		interested stakeholders that will examine the following possible changes to PGE's
3		nonresidential rate design:
4		1) On-peak generation demand charge for Schedules 83, 85, and 89.
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· 7		Schedules 83, 85, and 89.
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9		meetings as needed, and based on the level of stakeholder interest. Based on the gathering
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11		its next general rate case filing after this study period. PGE's rate case filing will include a
12		discussion of the study, the arguments for and against potential rate design changes, any
13		consensus arrived at during the study, and a recommendation regarding implementation of
14		any rate design changes.
15	Q.	Please summarize the settlement with respect to street lighting issues.
16	A.	The Parties agree that PGE will:
17		1) Conduct a study regarding the allocation of streetlight circuit costs with all interested
18		stakeholders. PGE will share a specific proposal regarding cost allocation and rate design
19		during 2012 and address this issue in its next general rate case with a 2013 or later test year.
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every six months and will address issues identified by customers such as billing, coding, and
maintenance practices and policies including the potential modification of such practices and
policies.

Q. Will this Stipulation modify or change any of the other stipulations reached in this
 docket?

A. No. This stipulation involves the further study of issues raised by the COP in this docket.
 The Parties anticipate that the further study of these issues combined with stakeholder input
 will aid all parties in preparing for and processing PGE's next general rate case.

6 Q. Does this complete your testimony?

7 A. Yes.

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