### **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

### OF OREGON

UE 178(4)

In the Matter of

OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF

JOINT OPENING BRIEF

Requesting the Commission Direct PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

To file tariffs establishing automatic adjustment clauses under the terms of SB 408

Commission Staff, Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon ("CUB") and Portland General Electric Company ("PGE") (the "Joint Parties") hereby submit this Joint Opening Brief. For the reasons stated below, Joint Parties request that the Commission approve the Stipulation ("Stipulation") between PGE, Commission Staff, and CUB.

The Stipulation is supported by the Joint Parties, and no party opposes it. The only other participating party, ICNU, has withdrawn its opposition. Letter from Ms. Melinda Davison, dated February 28, 2011. The Commission has established that the purpose of this docket is to determine whether the tax report complies with OAR 860-022-0041. Order No. 11-002 (Jan. 5, 2011). Joint Testimony by Commission Staff, CUB and PGE demonstrates that the Stipulation complies with the applicable Commission rule. Joint Testimony/100, Bird-Feighner-Tinker/5. The Stipulation's compliance with the

Commission rules is unrebutted by any evidence in the record. Accordingly, the

Commission should approve the Stipulation.<sup>1</sup>

DATED this  $\frac{l}{d}$  day of March 2011.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this day I served the foregoing JOINT OPENING BRIEF by e-mail and/or mailing a copy thereof, to each party that has not waived paper service, in a sealed, first-class postage prepaid envelope, addressed to each party listed below and depositing in the US mail at Portland, Oregon.

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