

ISSUED August 30, 2004

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

AR 481

In the Matter of Amendments to Division 038)
Rules Relating to Direct Access Regulation) RULING
for Electric Companies, Electricity Service)
Suppliers, and Aggregators.)

DISPOSITION: TEMPORARY WAIVER GRANTED

By its Order No. 04-483, entered August 19, 2004, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) adopted a number of rule changes in OAR 860-038-0001, *et seq.* Among the changes was an amendment to OAR 860-038-0480 that modifies the roles and responsibilities of the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), the Self Directing Company (SDC) and the utilities by having the utilities bill the SDC for the Public Purpose Charge (PPC) net of any credits. At the public meeting on the rule changes, Portland General Electric Company (PGE) indicated that a transition period would be required to implement changes to the billing and accounting procedures called for by the rule changes and was advised that a waiver would be the most appropriate means by which the transition period should be requested.

On August 26, 2004, PGE filed a request for waiver of the application of OAR 860-038-0480(9). PGE states that the waiver is necessary:

to allow us enough time to comply with the rule.... [W]e believe it would be prudent to ensure that self-directing customers receive notification of the rule change and that proper billing processes are in place. Therefore, we request that OAR 860-038-0480(9) be waived as it applies to PGE until **November 30, 2004.**

PGE further explains that the time would be used to communicate the changes to each SDC, coordinate with the ODOE to obtain proper access and understanding of its web site and to develop and test the billing processes for integrating the manually determined PPC with the SDCs' monthly bills.

I find that PGE has shown good cause for this waiver request.

ORDER NO.

RULING

In accordance with delegated authority under OAR 860-012-0035(h) and pursuant to OAR 860-038-0001(4), PGE is relieved of its obligations under OAR 860-038-0480(9) until November 30, 2004.

Dated this 30th day of August at Salem, Oregon.

Allan J. Arlow
Administrative Law Judge