

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 178

In the Matter of)	
)	
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY,)	RULING
)	
Filing of tariffs establishing automatic adjustment clauses under the terms of SB 408.)	

DISPOSITION: SCHEDULE MODIFIED

On February 4, 2009, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Staff) filed a motion to modify the schedule in this docket. Staff explained that it had reached a stipulation with Portland General Electric Company (PGE) and asked the Commission to set a shortened deadline for objections to the stipulation.¹ Staff sought no other changes to the schedule.

On February 5, 2009, Staff and PGE filed a stipulation reflecting Staff and PGE’s agreement on the issues in this docket. No other party signed the stipulation.

In light of the statutorily imposed deadline for a final order in this docket, it is appropriate to shorten the deadline for objections to the stipulation. Because the stipulation is non-unanimous, however, other modifications are also appropriate. The schedule should allow the opportunity for a full round of testimony addressing the stipulation, should the parties wish to file such testimony. The hearing date should be pushed back in order to accommodate such testimony. In light of these considerations, the remaining schedule in this docket is modified as follows:

Event	Deadline
Written Objections to the Stipulation, with Supporting Testimony	February 18, 2009
Staff and PGE Rebuttal Testimony ²	February 25, 2009
Cross-Examination Statements (identifying the witness to be examined, the subject matter of proposed cross-examination, and the anticipated time needed)	February 27, 2009
Hearing	March 4, 2009
Simultaneous Briefs	March 13, 2009

¹ Staff asked for a February 13, 2009, deadline for objections to the stipulation.

² Staff and PGE may file rebuttal testimony addressing objections to the stipulation; PGE may also file rebuttal testimony addressing other issues previously raised in this docket.

If any party has a conflict with the above hearing date, that party should discuss the issue with other parties and propose a modified hearing date that works within the overall timeframe outlined in this ruling.

The modified schedule assumes that the general agreements regarding discovery remain effective. Parties should therefore respond to data requests within five business days. After PGE files its rebuttal testimony, PGE should use all reasonable efforts to provide responses by noon on March 3, 2009, to any data requests it receives before the close of business on February 25, 2009.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 6th day of February, 2009.

Lisa D. Hardie
Administrative Law Judge

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