ISSUED: April 21, 2006

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

UE 179

In the Matter of the Request of	)	
	)	RULING
PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT	)	AND
(dba PacifiCorp)	)	MEMORANDUM
•	)	
Request for a General Rate Increase in the	)	
Company's Oregon Annual Revenues.	)	

DISPOSITION: PETITIONS TO INTERVENE GRANTED, OR CONDITIONALLY GRANTED; INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOUT UPCOMING OPEN HOUSES

## **Petitions to Intervene**

The due date to submit petitions to intervene in this proceeding was April 17, 2006. Eleven petitions to intervene in this proceeding were timely filed, as follows:

Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU)	March 9, 2006
Portland General Electric (PGE)	March 13, 2006
Community Action Directors of Oregon and the	
Oregon Energy Coordinators Association (CADO/OECA)	March 13, 2006
Fred Meyer Stores and Quality Food Centers (Fred Meyer)	March 14, 2006
City of Portland	April 14, 2006
Klamath Water Users Association (KWUA)	April 17, 2006

A prehearing conference was held in this docket on March 16, 2006. I conditionally granted all petitions to intervene that were received by March 13, 2006, indicating that the petitions to intervene would be finally granted after the period to contest had passed. As this period has passed, those petitions are finally granted. Consequently, this ruling addresses only petitions to intervene that were received on March 14, 2006 or later.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> I also recognized the notice of intervention by the Citizens Utility Board at the prehearing conference.

The period to contest the petition of Fred Meyer has passed. Upon review, I find that Fred Meyer has sufficient interest in the proceeding, and that the company's appearance and participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding. *See* OAR 860-012-0001. The petition to intervene of Fred Meyer is granted.

Although the period to contest the petitions of the City of Portland and KWUA has yet to pass, intervenors are asked, below, to indicate whether they will participate in upcoming events. Consequently, I will address both petitions on a conditional basis.

Upon review, I find that the City of Portland and KWUA have sufficient interest in the proceeding, and that the appearance and participation of each organization will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding. *See* OAR 860-012-0001. Consequently, I conditionally grant the petitions to intervene of the City of Portland and KWUA. The petitions to intervene will be considered final after the respective periods to protest have passed.

## **Open Houses**

Three Public Comment Meetings and Open Houses (Open Houses) have been scheduled in the above-captioned docket, as follows: 1) Medford, May 10, 2006, at 6:30 p.m.; <sup>2</sup> 2) Bend, May 22, 2006, at 6:30 p.m.; and 3) Portland, May 24, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. Each Open House provides an informal process for members of the public to attend, obtain information, ask questions and make comments about the application of Pacific Power & Light (dba PacifiCorp).

In an open house setting, there is no program and attendees may come and go as they please. Information is provided by participating parties at individual tables. Attendees will be encouraged to comment, either orally on tape, or by filling out a comment card. The Commission will have a greeter at the door to welcome attendees, explain the layout of the room, hand out comment cards, answer questions and thank attendees for attending.

A maximum of eight tables will be set up. (See attached sample diagram.) Commission Staff (Staff), the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) and Applicants will occupy one table each. All intervenors are eligible to participate in the open house. To confirm participation, an intervenor must submit notice of intention to participate in the open houses by close of business on April 27, 2006. If necessary, intervenors will be asked to share table space.

Applicants and intervenors are responsible for creating and printing posterboard sets for display at the open houses. Each table may display one set of posterboards. A set of posterboards shall consist of no more than three individual posterboards that are mounted and measure 20 inches by 30 inches. Each posterboard

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Medford Notice was served April 20, 2006.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Bend and Portland Notices to be served week of April 24, 2006.

may express only one key message and three supporting facts. (See Table 1.) Messages should be clear and concise and use straightforward language that does not use industry jargon or acronyms. Participants may also make copies of the posterboards available at the table.

TABLE 1

SAMPLE POSTERBOARD			
KEY MESSAGE 1	KEY MESSAGE 2	KEY MESSAGE 3	
Fact A	Fact A	Fact A	
Fact B	Fact B	Fact B	
Fact C	Fact C	Fact C	

The boards must be pre-approved for format and clarity by the ALJ. Draft posterboards should be submitted to ALJ Kirkpatrick by the close of business on May 3, 2006. Participants may email draft posterboards to <a href="mailto:traci.kirkpatrick@state.or.us">traci.kirkpatrick@state.or.us</a>. Participants will be notified of approval of submitted posterboards no later than May 5, 2006.

Please feel free to contact Carol Hulse (503-378-3885) with any questions.

Dated this 21st day of April, 2006, at Salem, Oregon.

Traci A. G. Kirkpatrick Administrative Law Judge

Attachment

