

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1188

In the Matter of the PUBLIC UTILITY)
COMMISSION OF OREGON Staff) RULING
Investigation into Advanced Metering.)

DISPOSITION: PETITIONS TO INTERVENE GRANTED

On January 9, 2006, Portland General Electric Company (PGE) filed a Petition to Intervene (PGE Petition) in this proceeding. PGE asserts that it is a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission and that “[d]ecisions made and precedent established in this proceeding may directly affect PGE. PGE intends to monitor the proceeding and, if necessary, raise issues that are appropriate to the proceeding.”¹

On July 26, 2006, PacifiCorp filed a Petition to Intervene (PacifiCorp Petition), asserting that it “has an active interest in this proceeding and PacifiCorp’s participation in the proceeding will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record or unreasonably delay the proceedings.”²

Discussion. The Commission approved a Staff Report regarding Demand Response Programs for PGE and PacifiCorp on June 26, 2003. The third recommendation contained in the report was that “[t]he Commission should open an investigation to identify policies that facilitate the adoption of more advanced meters, communication technology and automated meter reading.” PGE and PacifiCorp will, of necessity, be directly affected by this investigation. I therefore find good cause to grant the PGE and PacifiCorp Petitions.

RULING

The Petitions to Intervene of Portland General Electric Company and PacifiCorp are GRANTED.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2006, at Salem, Oregon.

Allan J. Arlow
Administrative Law Judge

¹ PGE Petition, p. 1.

² PacifiCorp Petition, p. 1.