

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 1238

In the Matter of	)	
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PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC	)	RULING
	)	
Request for authorization of deferral of	)	
expense changes associated with Utility	)	
Tax Liability.	)	

**DISPOSITION: PETITION TO INTERVENE GRANTED; NOTICE OF  
INTERVENTION ACKNOWLEDGED**

On January 27, 2006, the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) filed a petition to intervene in this proceeding. ORS 756.525(2) provides that the Commission may permit a party to apply to appear and participate in a proceeding “[a]t any time before the final taking of evidence” and must allow the intervention “if the commission determines that such appearance and participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues or burden the record.” OAR 860-012-0001(2) further provides that:

If the Commission or Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) finds the petitioner has sufficient interest in the proceeding and the petitioner’s appearance and participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding, the Commission or ALJ will grant the petition. The Commission or ALJ may impose appropriate conditions upon any intervenor’s participation in the proceeding.

I find that ICNU has sufficient interest in the proceeding and that its appearance and participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding. Accordingly, the petition is granted.

I also note that, on February 15, 2006, the Citizens’ Utility Board (CUB) filed a notice of its intent to intervene in this proceeding. Pursuant to ORS 774.180, CUB may intervene in Commission proceedings as a matter of right.

Dated in Salem, Oregon, this 13th day of March, 2006.

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**Michael Grant**  
Chief Administrative Law Judge