BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 2152

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY,

RULING

Detailed Depreciation Study of Electric Utility Properties.

DISPOSITION: MOTION FOR WAIVER GRANTED IN PART; DEADLINE ESTABLISHED

On July 6, 2021, I granted Staff's motion to suspend the procedural schedule in these proceedings. In its motion, Staff indicated that Portland General Electric Company, the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB), and Staff (settling parties) had reached a settlement in principle regarding all issues in this docket and would file a stipulation. Staff also indicated that the Alliance of Western Energy Customers (AWEC) intended to oppose the settlement. In the July 6, 2021 ruling, I requested that the parties confer regarding the procedural milestones for the remainder of this proceeding and provide a proposed schedule within seven days of the filing of the stipulation. The settling parties filed a stipulation with supporting testimony on July 29, 2021.

On August 4, 2021, AWEC filed a motion to suspend the procedural schedule, which included a proposed procedural schedule for the remainder of this docket. AWEC indicated that the parties had been unable to reach agreement on a procedural schedule. AWEC's motion also included request that the requirements of OAR 860-001-0350(8) be waived for good cause to allow AWEC time to pursue its request to further suspend this docket without compromising its ability object to the stipulation. OAR 860-001-0350(8) provides that any written objections or request for hearing be filed within 15 days of the filing of a stipulation. Under operation of this rule, any objection to the stipulation in this docket would be due on August 13, 2021. Under OAR 860-001-0420(4), responses to AWEC's motion to suspend and proposed procedural schedule are due August 11, 2021.

I find good cause to waive the requirements of OAR 860-001-0350(8) to provide adequate time to address the appropriate process for the remainder of this proceeding, including establishing a deadline for filing an objection to the stipulation. Responses to AWEC's motion to suspend and proposed procedural schedule are due by 3:00 p.m. on August 11, 2021.

Dated this 5th day of August, 2021, at Salem, Oregon.

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Alison Lackey Administrative Law Judge