

ISSUED: November 6, 2009

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 177(3), UE 178(3), UG 170(3) & UG 171(3)

In the Matters of OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY
COMMISSION STAFF directing:

PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT, dba
PACIFICORP, UE 177(3)

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
COMPANY, UE 178(3)

NORTHWEST NATURAL, UG 170(3)

and

AVISTA UTILITIES, (UG 171(3))

To file tariffs establishing automatic adjustment
clauses under the terms of SB 408.

PREHEARING CONFERENCE
MEMORANDUM

On November 5, 2009, a consolidated prehearing conference was held in these dockets. Representatives appeared on behalf of PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power (Pacific Power), Portland General Electric Company (PGE), Northwest Natural Gas Company (NW Natural), Avista Utilities, Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU), Northwest Industrial Gas Users (NWIGU), the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon, and the Commission Staff.

Identification of Dockets

At the conference, I indicated that the SB 408 dockets for the 2008 tax year would be identified with a "(2)" following the docket number. This was based on the Commission's use of "(1)" for orders addressing the 2007 tax year. *See e.g.*, Order

No. 09-128, docket UG 170(1). Further review, however, shows that some parties used “(1)” in some filings for the 2006 tax year, and used “(2)” in some filings for the 2007 tax year. In fact, Order No. 09-128, while identified as docket UG 170(1), adopted a stipulation captioned UG 170(2). To avoid confusion, the parties are directed to use “(3)” for all filings related to the 2008 tax reports, consistent with the identification of the dockets above.

Schedule

The parties agreed to the schedule attached as Appendix A. Following the filing of Staff and Intervenor testimony, parties will respond to discovery requests within five business days. Moreover, all dates represent in-hand dates.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 6th day of November, 200p.



Michael Grant
Chief Administrative Law Judge

Staff Proposed Schedule
 SB 408 Filings
 2008 Tax Period

ALL DATES ARE IN HAND DATES

Event	Avista UG 171	PGE UE 178	NWN UG 170	PPL UE 177
Company Filing	Thursday October 15, 2009	Thursday October 15, 2009	Thursday October 15, 2009	Thursday October 15, 2009
Prehearing Conference	Thursday November 5, 2009	Thursday November 5, 2009	Thursday November 5, 2009	Thursday November 5, 2009
Notice of Intent to file for Intervenor Funding and Due Date for New Petitions to Intervene	Tuesday November 17, 2009	Tuesday November 17, 2009	Tuesday November 17, 2009	Tuesday November 17, 2009
Proposed Budget for Intervenor Funding	Wednesday December 2, 2009	Wednesday December 2, 2009	Wednesday December 2, 2009	Wednesday December 2, 2009
Staff & Intervenor circulate Issues Lists	Friday December 18, 2009	Friday December 18, 2009	Friday December 18, 2009	Friday December 18, 2009
Settlement Workshops	TBA-See Separate Schedule	TBA-See Separate Schedule	TBA-See Separate Schedule	TBA - See Separate Schedule
Staff/Intervenor Testimony**	Tuesday January 12, 2010	Tuesday January 12, 2010	Thursday January 14, 2010	Thursday January 14, 2010
Utility Rebuttal Testimony	Thursday February 4, 2010	Thursday February 4, 2010	Monday February 8, 2010	Monday February 8, 2010
Evidentiary Hearings -Staggered	Monday AM February 22, 2010	Monday PM February 22, 2010	Tuesday AM February 23, 2010	Tuesday PM February 23, 2010
Simultaneous Briefs	Thursday March 11, 2010	Thursday March 11, 2010	Tuesday March 16, 2010	Tuesday March 16, 2010
Commission Decision	Friday April 9, 2010	Friday April 9, 2010	Friday April 9, 2010	Friday April 9, 2010
Commission must issue an order 180 days of the tax report filings or April 15, 2010 OAR 860-022-0041(7)(b)				
Tariff Implementation	June 1, 2010	June 1, 2010	June 1, 2010	June 1, 2010

** 5 day turnaround for all data responses from date of Staff & Intervenor Testimony to hearing date