## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

## **OF OREGON**

**UE 196** 

In the Matter of	)	
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PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC	)	CONFER
COMPANY,	)	
	)	
Application to Amortize the Boardman	)	
Deferral.	)	

CONFERENCE REPORT

## DISPOSITION: SCHEDULE MODIFIED

On March 17, 2008, a telephone conference was held in the abovecaptioned docket. The primary purpose of the conference was to discuss Portland General Electric Company's Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule, filed March 10, 2008.

The following parties appeared at the conference: Stephanie Andrus on behalf of Commission Staff (Staff); Douglas Tingey and Paul Conable on behalf of Portland General Electric Company (PGE); Bob Jenks on behalf of the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB); and S. Bradley Van Cleve on behalf of the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU).

In its motion, PGE requested that the remaining procedural schedule be extended by approximately one month because the testimony filed by Staff, CUB, and ICNU raised issues that require more time than originally anticipated for PGE to conduct discovery and prepare testimony. During the conference, PGE also indicated that it needs the delay to conduct a deposition of ICNU's expert witness. ICNU filed a letter in response to PGE's motion on March 13, 2008, indicating that ICNU supports PGE's motion, particularly because there has been some difficulty scheduling the deposition because of the timing of PGE's request and the preexisting travel plans of its expert witness.

CUB and Staff expressed concern that PGE will use the additional time to not only respond to the issues raised by Staff, CUB, and ICNU, but also to present evidence that should have been included in PGE's opening testimony. PGE's motion to modify the procedural schedule is granted in part. PGE's reply testimony is now due April 24, 2008. The remainder of the schedule is suspended. A prehearing conference will be held on May 2, 2008, to discuss whether additional testimony filings will be necessary and to set the remainder of the procedural schedule. A notice will issue 10 days' prior to the conference.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2008, at Salem, Oregon.

Sarah K. Wallace Administrative Law Judge