

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 177, UE 178, UG 170 & UG 171

In the Matters of PUBLIC UTILITY)	
COMMISSION OF OREGON STAFF)	
directing:)	
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PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER &)	
LIGHT COMPANY, (UE 177))	
)	
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC)	
COMPANY, (UE 178))	PREHEARING CONFERENCE
)	MEMORANDUM
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY,)	
dba NW NATURAL, (UG 170))	
)	
and)	
)	
AVISTA CORP., dba AVISTA UTILITIES,)	
(UG 171))	
)	
To file tariffs establishing automatic adjustment)	
clauses under the terms of SB 408.)	

On October 31, 2006, a consolidated prehearing conference was held in these dockets. Representatives appeared on behalf of PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power & Light Company (PacifiCorp), Portland General Electric Company (PGE), Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural (NW Natural), Avista Corp., dba Avista Utilities (Avista), the Citizens' Utility Board, Northwest Industrial Gas Users (NWIGU), Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU), and the Public Utility Commission of Oregon Staff (Staff).

At the conference, the parties agreed to the following schedule:

EVENT	DATE
Parties circulate Informal Issues/Agenda for Workshops	December 15, 2006
Workshops for PacifiCorp and PGE	January 11, 2007
Workshops for Avista and NW Natural	January 12, 2007
Status Conferences (staggered for each utility)	January 19, 2007

Staff/Intervenor Testimony for PGE and NW Natural due	February 6, 2007
Staff/Intervenor Testimony for PacifiCorp and Avista due	February 8, 2007
Utility Rebuttal for PGE and NW Natural	February 22, 2007
Utility Rebuttal for PacifiCorp and Avista	February 23, 2007
Evidentiary Hearings for Avista and NW Natural	March 7, 2007
Evidentiary Hearings for PGE and PacifiCorp	March 8, 2007
Simultaneous Briefs due	March 19, 2007
Commission Decision	April 13, 2007
Tariffs effective on or after	June 1, 2007

The parties also agreed that, beginning February 6th and February 8th, respectively, the parties would respond to discovery requests within 6 business days. The parties have also proposed, but not yet concluded, that service of documents not containing confidential information be accomplished electronically in lieu of paper service.

In the event that the tax reports are not contested, Staff will present them to the Commission at the first Public Meeting in April.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 2nd day of November, 2006.

Michael Grant
Chief Administrative Law Judge