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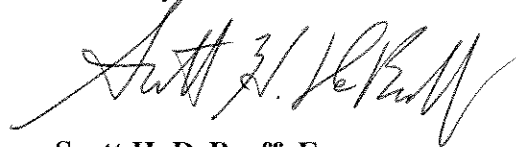
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**RE: Docket AR 500 - In the Matter of a Rulemaking to Amend OARs 860-021-0120, Meter Readings and Bill Forms, and 860-021-0405, Notice of Pending Disconnection of Residential Electric or Gas Utility Service**

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed please find an electronic copy of the "**PREPARED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF KEVIN FENNELL OF HUNT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**" in the above-captioned rulemaking proceeding. An original and five (5) hard copies of Hunt's Testimony are also being filed with this Commission. Electronic copies will be served to all participants as required.

Sincerely,



**Scott H. DeBroff, Esq.**  
Counsel for Hunt Technologies, Inc.

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of a Rulemaking to Amend OARs  
860-021-0120, Meter Readings and Bill Forms, and  
860-021-0405, Notice of Pending Disconnection of  
Residential Electric or Gas Utility Service

Docket AR-500

**PREPARED DIRECT TESTIMONY**

**OF**

**KEVIN FENNELL**

**HUNT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**

**October 25, 2005**

1                                   **PREPARED DIRECT TESTIMONY**  
2                                   **OF**  
3                                   **Kevin Fennell**  
4                                   **Hunt Technologies, Inc.**  
5                                   **(AR-500)**  
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8   **Q.    Please state your name, the company you represent and your current business**  
9       **address?**

10   **A.   My name is Kevin Fennell. I am employed by Hunt Technologies, Inc. My business**  
11       **address is 6436 County Road 11, Pequot Lakes, Minnesota 56472.**

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13   **Q.    What is Hunt Technologies, Inc.?**

14   **A.   Hunt Technologies is a technology company that delivers industry-leading automatic**  
15       **meter reading (AMR) solutions to the electric, water and natural gas utilities markets.**  
16       **Based in central Minnesota, Hunt develops and supports hardware and software for more**  
17       **than 450 customers worldwide.**

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19   **Q.    What is your current position with Hunt?**

20   **A.   I am currently the Product Marketing Manager for Hunt Technologies, Inc. for the TS1**  
21       **product line.**

1 **Q. What are your responsibilities as Product Marketing Manager at Hunt**  
2 **Technologies, Inc.?**

3 A. I am currently responsible for maintaining the health of the TS1 Product line which  
4 includes ongoing development of a number of derivative products to meet the needs of  
5 both US and international utility markets. Over the past seven (7) years at Hunt  
6 Technologies, I was also responsible for the TS2 product design team, from product  
7 concept through product launch.

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9 **Q. Please describe your professional experience and educational background?**

10 A. I graduated from the Milwaukee School of Engineering with a Bachelor of Science  
11 Degree (BS) in Electrical Engineering. I went on to get a Masters in Business  
12 Administration (MBA) from the University of Wisconsin.

13 I was previously employed by Wisconsin Public Service Corporation as an Electrical  
14 Distribution Field Engineer. Prior to WPS, I was employed by Kewaunee Nuclear Power  
15 Plant as a Controls Engineer.

16 I am a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and the  
17 United PowerLine Council (UPLC).

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19 **Q. Have you previously testified before the Public Utility Commission of Oregon or any**  
20 **other Public Utility Commission?**

21 A. No.

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1 **Q. What is the scope of this Rulemaking?**

2 A. Advanced metering and communications technologies allow energy utilities to read their  
3 customers' meters at frequent intervals from remote locations. In addition, advanced  
4 metering and communications technologies provide the option for automated  
5 disconnection and reconnection of service, without a visit to the customer's site.

6 To facilitate the use of these technologies, the Commission has proposed to amend its  
7 rules related to meter readings and information for customer bills when a utility adopts  
8 such advanced metering and communication technologies, or an advanced metering  
9 infrastructure (AMI) as it is often known. The rulemaking also addresses changes to the  
10 final notice an energy utility must provide for pending disconnections of service once  
11 these technologies are utilized.

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13 **Q. What are Hunt's recommendations to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
14 Staff's proposed changes regarding Meter Readings and Bill Forms?**

15 A. As was set forth in the Staff Report, following a number of workshops and exchanges of  
16 written comments, in which Hunt participated, there was general consensus on Staff's  
17 proposed changes to the rules for meter readings and bill forms. Hunt continues to  
18 support the Staff's proposed changes and modifications to OAR 860-021-0120 as spelled  
19 out in its September 2, 2005 Report.

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21 **Q. What are Hunt's recommendations to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
22 Staff's proposed changes regarding the Final Notice of Pending Disconnection of  
23 Residential Energy Service?**

1 A. It is Hunt's understanding that there is **not** consensus among the investor-owned utilities  
2 (PGE, Idaho Power & PacifiCorp) as to the Staff's proposal to retain the requirement for  
3 a site visit for final disconnection notice in cases where the utility cannot personally  
4 reach, by telephone, the customer or another adult residing at the residence. Hunt  
5 chooses not to weigh in on this portion of the rulemaking regarding the Final Notice of  
6 Pending Disconnection of Residential Service. Hunt sees this as an issue that is best  
7 suited for resolution between the Commission and the utilities.

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9 **Q. Does Hunt have any further recommendations to make in regard to this**  
10 **Rulemaking?**

11 A. Yes. While Hunt is not commenting on the "Final Notice" issue as detailed above, it  
12 does offer, as an option to its current product line, a Remote Disconnect/Reconnect  
13 device. Hunt believes in the advantages of remote disconnection and reconnection and  
14 supports the notion that if these devices are placed into service by utilities, then they  
15 should not require someone to be physically on site to disconnect or reconnect power to a  
16 customer, and should never endanger homeowners by requiring them to engage their own  
17 service by interacting with the meter.

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19 **Q. Does this conclude your Direct Testimony?**

20 A. Yes it does.

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