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Re: In the Matter of PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY 2013 Net Variable Power Costs (NVPC) and Annual Power Cost Update (APUC) **Docket No. UE 266**

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket, please find the original and five (5) copies the Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Michael C. Deen on behalf of the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities.

Thank you for your assistance, and please don't hesitate to contact our office with any questions.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Jesse Gorsuch Jesse Gorsuch

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing Direct Testimony

and Exhibits of Michael C. Deen upon the parties on the service list via electronic mail only, as

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Dated at Portland, Oregon, this 21st day of May, 2013.

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BEFORE THE OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC Net Variable Power Costs and Annual Power Cost Update

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF MICHAEL C. DEEN

ON BEHALF OF

THE INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS OF NORTHWEST UTILITIES

May 21, 2013

I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

2 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

A. My name is Michael C. Deen, and my business address is 900 Washington Street, Suite
780, Vancouver, Washington 98660. I am employed by Regulatory and Cogeneration
Services, Inc. ("RCS"), a utility rate and consulting firm.

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PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE.

I have been involved in the energy industry for over 6 years. During that time, I have

- 8 served as an analyst and expert on a variety of power supply, cost, ratemaking, and policy
- 9 topics—primarily regarding the Bonneville Power Administration and Pacific Northwest
- 10 utilities. I have provided testimony on behalf of the Industrial Customers of the
- 11 Northwest Utilities ("ICNU") before the Oregon Public Utilities Commission (the
- 12 "Commission" or "OPUC") in various proceedings regarding Portland General Electric
- 13 Company ("PGE" or the "Company") and PacifiCorp. I have also provided testimony on
- 14 behalf of ICNU before the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
- 15 ("WUTC") regarding Avista, PacifiCorp, and Puget Sound Energy. I have also provided
- 16 testimony on natural gas matters regarding Avista on behalf of the Northwest Industrial
- 17 Gas Users ("NWIGU") before the WUTC. A further description of my educational
- 18 background and work experience can be found in Exhibit ICNU/101.

19 Q. ON WHOSE BEHALF ARE YOU APPEARING IN THIS PROCEEDING?

- 20 A. I am testifying on behalf of ICNU. ICNU is a non-profit trade association whose
- 21 members are large industrial consumers of electricity throughout the Pacific Northwest,
- 22 including customers served by PGE.

1	Q.	WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS TESTIMONY?						
2	А.	My testimony addresses PGE's annual filing to update its net variable power costs						
3		("NVPC") for the 2014 rate year. PGE's initial February 15th filing included an NVPC						
4		of \$639.2 million and the April 1st update supported a slightly higher value of \$642.5						
5		million.						
6 7	Q.	PLEASE BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS PROCEEDING						
8	А.	ICNU recommends the following:						
9 10 11 12 13		• Transmission Resale Revenues. PGE should include a credit in its NVPC for expected transmission resale revenues based on the most recent four years of actual data. The resale revenues are reasonably known, measurable, and consistent through time. This adjustment will better match system costs with system benefits in rates and reduces NVPC by approximately \$4.95 million.						
14 15 16 17 18 19		• Wind Energy Forecast. The Commission should reject PGE's proposed changes to its forecasted energy amounts for the Biglow Canyon wind project and Vansycle Ridge wind energy contracts. Use of a five-year average is too short to set normalized rates for wind projects, given the potential for inter-annual variation in output. Rejecting PGE's proposed changes would lower NVPC by approximately \$4.38 million.						
20 21 22		• Wind Day-Ahead Forecast Error Cost. PGE's proposal to change the cost for day- ahead forecast error in July after any opportunity by parties to file responsive testimony in this proceeding is inappropriate and should be rejected the Commission.						
23 24 25		• Boardman Biomass Test Burn. Given the experimental nature of this test, ICNU is concerned the test burn may not occur as scheduled in 2014. If the test burn does not occur, ICNU recommends that customers not be charged the forecasted costs.						

1		II. TRANSMISSION RESALE REVENUES
2 3	Q.	WHAT ARE TRANSMISSION RESALE REVENUES IN THE CONTEXT OF PGE'S NET VARIABLE POWER COSTS?
4	А.	Transmission resale revenues are proceeds that PGE receives as a result of its ability to
5		make short-term sales of its transmission rights to third parties during periods when PGE
6		does not need to utilize its full transmission capacity. As such, transmission resale
7		revenues represent a financial benefit to the Company that is achieved as a consequence
8		of its transmission rights that are paid for by customers.
9 10	Q.	WHAT IS PGE'S CURRENT TREATMENT OF TRANSMISSION RESALE REVENUES FOR RATEMAKING PURPOSES?
11	A.	PGE does not include a forecast of transmission resale revenues in its net power costs.
12		As described by PGE in response to ICNU Data Request No. 002:
13		For reliability reasons, PGE's practice is to obtain transmission rights
14		necessary to meet 1-in-5 peak load in both summer and winter. As
15		such, PGE does not forecast transmission resale revenues as part of its
16		net variable power cost (NVPC) forecast in MONET or in the non-
17		NVPC portion of this proceeding (Docket No. UE 262). Similar to
18		gas resales, PGE reclassifies any actual transmission resales to NVPC
19		in its Results of Operations report and in actual NVPC as a power
20		cost adjustment mechanism adjusting item ("PCAM", Schedule 126).
21		These amounts are partially offset in the PCAM by lost revenues
22		associated with customers that choose to go with an energy service
23		supplier as can be seen in Attachment 003-A.

- 24 ICNU/102, Deen/1.
- 25 Q.

Q. IS THIS TREATMENT APPROPRIATE?

A. No. A fundamental premise of ratemaking is the matching principle, that costs and revenues
 must be matched appropriately for the rate year. By not including a reasonable forecast of

28 these revenues in base rates and instead passing actuals through the PCAM, the revenues are

- 1 subject to sharing and deadbands which inappropriately prevents customers from receiving
- 2 full benefits of PGE's transmission rights to offset the costs of these rights included in notes.

3 Q. HAVE TRANSMISSION RESALE REVENUES BEEN CONSISTENT IN LEVEL 4 OVER RECENT YEARS?

- 5 A. Yes. In response to ICNU Data Request No. 003, PGE provided actual transmission
- 6 resale revenue results from the past four years. ICNU/102, Deen/3. PGE's revenues
- 7 from transmission resale have been very consistent, averaging approximately \$4.95
- 8 million over the past four years. The table below presents these results.

9 Table 1. PGE ANNUAL TRANSMISSION RESALE REVENUE (\$\$\$)

Description	2009	2010	2011	2012	Average	
Resale Revenues	\$ (6,549) \$ (5,390)		\$ (6,276) \$ (5,297)		\$ (5,878)	
Lost Revenues	\$ 988	\$ 740	\$ 1,176	\$ 810	\$ 928	
Net	\$ (5,560)	\$ (4,650)	\$ (5,100)	\$ (4,487)	\$ (4,950)	

10Q.WHAT IS YOUR RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE TREATMENT OF11TRANSMISSION RESALE REVENUES?

- 12 A. A reasonable value for transmission resale revenues should be included as an offset to the
- 13 Company's NVPC collected through rates. Since PGE declined to include a forecast value for
- 14 2014, ICNU recommends that the average value of \$4.95 million from the 2009-2012 period be
- 15 included in this case. This represents a fair average value based on known and measurable results
- 16 from recent years.
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III. WIND ENERGY FORECAST

18 Q. HAS PGE PROPOSED ANY CHANGES TO ITS METHOD FOR FORECASTING 19 THE AMOUNT OF EXPECTED ENERGY FROM ITS WIND RESOURCES?

- 20 A. Yes. PGE is proposing the use of a five-year rolling average of actual generation data for
- 21 the Biglow Canyon wind project (which includes Phase I, Phase II, and Phase III of the
- 22 project) and the Vansycle Ridge wind energy contract. For Biglow Canyon, PGE had

1		previously used annual and monthly capacity factors based on a study completed in 2005
2		by Garrad Hassan America ("GH"). For the Vansycle Ridge project, PGE had previously
3		used actual data since the beginning of the contract in 1999.
4	Q.	WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES?
5	A.	For Biglow Canyon, PGE's proposed methodological change increases NVPC by
6		approximately \$4.32 million. For the Vansycle Ridge contract, the proposed changes
7		increase NVPC by approximately \$58,000. The two changes in total are approximately
8		\$4.38 million.
9 10	Q.	PLEASE DESCRIBE THE CHANGE IN FORECAST METHODOLOGY FOR THE BIGLOW CANYON PROJECT IN MORE DETAIL.
11	A.	The Biglow Canyon project consists of three phases placed into service at different dates.
12		Phase I was placed into service in 2007, Phase II was placed into service in 2009, and
13		Phase III was placed into service in 2010. PGE is planning to move from forecasted
14		generation values based on the 2005 GH study to a rolling five-year average of actual
15		generation data for each phase. Based on PGE's April update, this five-year period
16		would encompass the 2008 through 2012 period. For years in which there is no operating
17		data, PGE is proposing to fill in values based on the GH study that was previously used to
18		forecast NVPC.
19 20	Q.	WHAT IS THE PLANNING BASIS ON WHICH THE BIGLOW PROJECT WAS ACCEPTED AS A PRUDENT GENERATION INVESTMENT?
21	A.	My understanding is that Biglow Canyon Phases II and III were predicated on the
22		assumption of a 33% average annual capacity factor, "which reflects the average capacity
23		factor of the short-listed Pacific Northwest wind projects from PGE's 2008 Renewables
24		RFP." PGE 2009 Integrated Resource Plan, Chapter 7.1 "Renewable Options", page 124.

1 In the 2007 Integrated Resource Plan, PGE analyzed the economic value of the Biglow 2 Canyon Project based on an even higher capacity factor, stating that: "An expansion of 3 PGE's Biglow Canyon Project (to full site build-out) represents Tier I due to its relatively 4 high forecast capacity factor of 35% PGE 2007 Integrated Resource Plan, Chapter 5 7.1 "Renewable Options", page 104. 6 **Q**. WHAT IS PGE'S RATIONALE FOR THE PROPOSED CHANGES? 7 Α. PGE contends in PGE/400, Niman-Peschka/10 that: 8 A forecast based on actuals is fair, transparent, reflects changing 9 operational experiences, incorporates the effects of recent 10 environmental conditions, is not tied solely to outdated forecasting 11 techniques, and is consistent with other aspects of PGE's power 12 cost forecast where actuals serve as the basis for the forecasted 13 value (e.g., thermal forced outage rates, generation under certain 14 wind PPAs (Klondike II), and the BPA imbalance premium).

15 Q. ARE PGE'S PROPOSED CHANGES APPROPRIATE?

A. No. Forecasting normalized annual generation for large-scale wind projects in the United
 States is very much a science still in development. However, it is clear that wind power
 resources can display a high level of variability in inter-annual generation. For example,

- 19 a recent technical report titled "Long-Term Wind Power Variability" published by the
- 20 National Renewable Energy Laboratory ("NREL"), a national lab of the Department of
- 21 Energy, concluded that the variation in production at wind power plants between years
- 22 was most comparable to run-of-river hydro. The conclusion of the report states as
- 23 follows regarding the wind power plants ("WPP") studied:
- 24The wind power data from WPPs in different parts of the country25suggest that one can expect relatively large inter-annual changes. The26climate and regional weather pattern are the driving forces behind27wind and wind plant outputs. Changes in climate and weather patterns28will be reflected in the longer-term performance of WPPs. In this

1 respect, wind power is similar to hydropower, especially run-of-the-2 river type, in that there are high energy production (wet) years and 3 low energy production (dry) years. The available data show that 4 during the highest production year, total wind energy from the same 5 WPP can be almost 40% higher than the annual production of the 6 lowest production year. The available data do not appear to be enough 7 to establish a long-term pattern or trend.^{1/} 8 In other words, only a few years of data is inadequate to conclude that the planning basis

- 9 on which the plant investment was determined prudent should be abandoned for rate
- 10 making purposes at the expense of customers. For normalized hydro forecasting, it has
- 11 been my experience that use of average generation over 20, 30, or even more years is
- 12 common.

Q. CAN YOU PROVIDE AN EXAMPLE OF HOW ACTUAL GENERATION FROM BIGLOW CANYON DOES NOT FALL OUTSIDE A REASONABLY EXPECTED RANGE OF VARIABILITY?

- 16 A. Yes. Take for example Biglow Canyon Phase III. The nameplate of this facility is 161
- 17 MW and the estimated capacity factor based on the 2005 GH study was approximately
- 18 33%, yielding an expected average generation of 53 aMW. Actual 2011 and 2012
- 19 generation from Phase III were approximately 44 aMW and 41 aMW respectively. This
- 20 represents 17% lower in 2011 and 22% lower in 2012 than the normalized expected value
- 21 based on the 2005 GH study. This is consistent with the level of inter-annual variability
- 22 of wind output shown in the NREL study. In other words, two years of data that happen
- 23 to be below the expected average is insufficient evidence to establish that value as
- 24 incorrect for normalized ratemaking purposes.

^{1/} Long-Term Wind Power Variability. Y. H. Wan. Technical Report, NREL/TP-5500-53637. Retrieved online at <u>http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy12osti/53637.pdf</u>

1Q.WHAT DOES ICNU RECOMMEND REGARDING PGE'S PROPOSED2CHANGES TO ITS WIND ENERGY FORECAST?

3 A. The proposed changes should be rejected in this proceeding. The Company's NVPC is 4 set on a normalized basis, and PGE has not provided compelling evidence that the 5 planning numbers from its earlier consultant study are still not the best number to use for ratemaking purposes for Biglow Canyon. If the Company is concerned that the 6 7 forecasting methods in the 2005 GH study are somehow outdated or inappropriate, it 8 should commission or conduct a new forecast study. However, given the potential for 9 inter-annual variability at wind projects, I would not recommend using actual values to 10 set the forecast, without at least 10 years of actual data. For this reason PGE's proposed 11 change to the Vansycle Ridge forecast should also be rejected. Data from the life of the 12 contract is more likely to be appropriate on a normalized basis than the last 5 years. 13 WIND DAY-AHEAD FORECAST ERROR 14 Q. WHAT IS THE ISSUE OF WIND DAY-AHEAD FORECAST ERROR? 15 A. The basic issue is that the difference between day-ahead and hour-ahead wind schedules may lead to sub-optimal resource commitments by the Company. The value currently 16 17 included in rates and in PGE's initial filings for day-ahead forecast error in this 18 proceeding is \$0.50/MWh of wind generation. This is a stipulated value from Docket 19 No. UE 250, the 2013 AUT proceeding. 20 **Q**. DOES PGE PLAN TO CHANGE THIS VALUE LATER IN THE PROCEEDING?

21 A. Yes. PGE plans to file an "update" to this value in July.

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IS THIS PROPOSAL APPROPRIATE?

2 A. Absolutely not. PGE's proposed change to this value is not merely a mechanical change 3 to the inputs in an accepted methodology. PGE's wind integration modeling has never been accepted by parties or approved by the Commission for purposes of establishing 4 5 costs in rates for wind day-ahead forecast error. In both the UE 198 and UE 250 dockets, the value was stipulated. In UE 250, both ICNU and Commission Staff raised significant 6 7 objections to PGE's methodology before the stipulation was reached. Further, PGE's 8 proposed change comes after any opportunity for parties to file testimony in this 9 proceeding. In other words, PGE is proposing to change a stipulated value in its initial 10 proposal using a controversial modeling method without any opportunity by parties to 11 review, analyze, and present evidence on the results. As a procedural matter, if PGE 12 wished to update the value for wind day-ahead forecast error in its rates, the Company 13 needed to file a study with its initial proposal. The AUT procedural schedule is already 14 shorter than a general rate case, and there will be insufficient time to review a new 15 proposal in this case.

16 **Q.** 17

PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING PGE'S PROPOSED UPDATE TO WIND DAY-AHEAD FORECAST ERROR COSTS?

A. PGE's proposed update of a stipulated value for these costs using a new and controversial
study after the conclusion of parties' ability to file testimony is completely inappropriate
from a procedural perspective, and would prevent ICNU from adequately reviewing a
new study. The Commission should disallow PGE's proposed update. If PGE wished to
file an update to this value, it should have done so as part of its initial filing. As matters
stand, the stipulated value should be adopted in this proceeding, and PGE may file a new
study as part of its initial filing in next year's NVPC proceeding.

1		BOARDMAN BIOMASS TEST BURN
2	Q.	WHAT IS THE BOARDMAN BIOMASS TEST BURN?
3	A.	The Boardman biomass test burn is part of the process in which PGE is seeking to
4		convert the Boardman facility from coal fuel to biomass for use after the year 2020 to
5		meet the Oregon renewable portfolio standard. Specifically, in 2014 PGE is anticipating
6		conducting test operations of the plant using torrefied biomass fuel. Per agreement in the
7		UM 1571 Docket and in OPUC Order No. 12-141, PGE is treating the costs associated
8		with this test as a fuel expense in base NVPC for 2014. The cost of the test burn is
9		estimated at approximately \$5.2 million relative to standard operations.
10 11	Q.	DOES ICNU HAVE CONCERNS REGARDING THE COST TREATMENT OF THE TEST BURN IN RATES?
12	А.	Yes. Although PGE currently anticipates the test burn will occur in 2014, it is my
13		understanding that there are still a number of contingent steps which need to be
14		completed ahead of that time, particularly with regard to fuel procurement and
15		processing. Given the experimental nature of the test burn, ICNU is concerned that there
16		is a significant chance that the test burn may not occur as scheduled in 2014. In this case,
17		there should be a method in place to assure that customers do not pay for costs of a test
18		burn that does not actually occur during the rate year.
19	Q.	WHAT DOES ICNU RECOMMEND?
20	А.	If the Commission wishes to go down the road of including a forecast of these costs in
21		the NVPC forecast, ICNU recommends that the costs associated with the test burn be

excluded from rates unless PGE can prove that they will occur in 2014. To the extent the

- 1 test burn does occur, then it should be handled per usual under the standard PCAM
- 2 process for power cost variance.

3 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

4 **A.** Yes.

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EXHIBIT ICNU/101

QUALIFICATIONS OF MICHAEL C. DEEN

May 21, 2013

ICNU/102 Deen/1

April 10, 2013

TO:	Irion Sanger
	Melinda Davison
	Davison Van Cleve, PC
	Michael Deen
	Regulatory & Cogeneration Services, Inc.
FROM:	Patrick Hager
	Manager, Regulatory Affairs

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC UE 266 PGE Response to ICNU Data Request No. 002 Dated March 27, 2013

Request:

Please provide PGE's anticipated transmission resale revenues for 2014. Please provide any workpapers or other documentation used to support this forecast.

Response:

For reliability reasons, PGE's practice is to obtain transmission rights necessary to meet 1-in-5 peak load in both summer and winter. As such, PGE does not forecast transmission resale revenues as part of its net variable power cost (NVPC) forecast in MONET or in the non-NVPC portion of this proceeding (Docket No. UE 262). Similar to gas resales, PGE reclassifies any actual transmission resales to NVPC in its Results of Operations report and in actual NVPC as a power cost adjustment mechanism adjusting item ("PCAM", Schedule 126). These amounts are partially offset in the PCAM by lost revenues associated with customers that choose to go with an energy service supplier as can be seen in Attachment 003-A.

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April 10, 2013

TO:	Irion Sanger Melinda Davison Davison Van Cleve, PC
	Michael Deen Regulatory & Cogeneration Services, Inc
FROM:	Patrick Hager Manager, Regulatory Affairs

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC UE 266 PGE Response to ICNU Data Request No. 003 Dated March 27, 2013

Request:

Please provide PGE's transmission resale revenue for 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012. Please provide a summary by year and also underlying transaction level data.

Response:

Attachment 003-A contains a summary of transmission resale revenues for 2009 through 2012. Attachment 003-B contains transaction level data for 2009 through 2012. Attachment 003-C contains journal entries supporting the accounting detail for 2012 provided in Attachment 003-B. Attachment 003-C is confidential and subject to Protective Order No. 13-042.

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Other Revenues

Description	20	2009 Actuals		2010 Actuals		2011 Actuals		2012 Actuals	
Oth Elec Rev-Transmission Resale	¢	(6,548,910)	¢	(5,390,250)	¢	(6,275,911)	¢	(5,296,820)	
Lost Revenues	\$	(0,948,910) 988,418	\$	739,948	\$	1,175,805	\$	809,537	
Net	\$	(5,560,492)	\$	(4,650,302)	\$	(5,100,106)	\$	(4,487,283)	