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### *Via Electronic Filing Only*

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**RE: Docket No. UE 283 – In the Matter of  
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY,  
Request for a General Rate Revision.**

Staff is correcting two numerical errors in Staff/300. The first error is to change the stated 2015 postage increase from 2.7% to 1.7%. Staff correctly identified the postage increase in both the original work papers and elsewhere in the originally filed exhibit of June 11, 2014. The second error corrects the calculated mailing expenses under the assumption that the exigent postage increase is made permanent. Staff's originally filed mailing expense number does not match Staff's calculations.

The errors are on page 35, line 21. Attached for filing are a redline and corrected version of page 35.

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2 **2014?**

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6 American Postal Workers Union and The National Association of Letter  
7 Carriers. The Committee approved an amended version of the bill on February  
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10 **law or proposed legislation?**

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12 resolutions before the US congress and approximately 5% of these bills are  
13 expected to be made law.<sup>20</sup> Given the current opposition to this bill, the low  
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18 **rate case, what is Staff's proposed mailing expense adjustment?**

19 A. If the legislation becomes law as written Staff expects the Postal Service to  
20 maintain the 2014 exigent rate increase and apply a 2015 rate increase of  
21 21.7%. This results in mailing expense of \$~~3,639,591~~3,604,826. If the bill is

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21 1.7%. This results in mailing expense of \$3,604,826. If the bill is substantially  
22 altered prior to passage Staff recommends revising these calculations.

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I certify that I have, this day, served the foregoing document upon all parties of record in this proceeding by delivering a copy in person or by mailing a copy properly addressed with first class postage prepaid, or by electronic mail pursuant to OAR 860-001-0180, to the following parties or attorneys of parties.

Dated this 3rd day of July, 2014 at Salem, Oregon

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