

ORDER NO. 00-469

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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In the Matter of the Application of)
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC) ORDER
COMPANY and SALEM ELECTRIC for)
Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the 1968)
Service Territory Allocation Agreement.)

DISPOSITION: APPLICATION GRANTED

On December 28, 1999, Portland General Electric Company (PGE) and Salem Electric (joint applicants) filed an application for approval of Amendment No. 1 to the 1968 service territory allocation agreement between the two companies allocating electric service territory and customers. The parties wish to amend the original 1968 service territory agreement, which was approved by Commission Order No. 45160 issued November 7, 1968. Also included in the joint application was a legal description of the proposed boundary and a map depicting the boundary line. (See Appendix A) The application was filed under ORS 758.430 and OAR 860-025-0015. The Commission published notice of the application in the March 3 and 10, 2000, editions of *The Statesman Journal*, Salem, Oregon, as required in ORS 758.420. The Commission received no comments or requests for hearing on the application.

The purpose of the amendment is to relocate a small portion of the boundary between the allocated service territories of PGE and Salem Electric that currently bisects three existing tax lots. In connection with the territory reallocation, PGE intends to sell to Salem Electric certain distribution facilities, including conductors, street light poles and fixtures required to serve the residential customers being transferred to Salem Electric.

According to the joint applicants, the amendment and reallocation of customers and service territory will eliminate and avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities. The joint applicants further state that this amendment will promote the efficient and economic use and development and safe operation of the utility systems of the parties, while providing adequate and reasonable service to all territories and customers affected by the contract. ORS 758.415.

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We received no requests for hearing or comments from the affected customers. Our Staff has no objection to the contract.

Based on the submission of the parties, we conclude that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that the joint application to approve Amendment No. 1 to the 1968 service territory allocation agreement between Portland General Electric and Salem Electric, is granted.

Made, entered, and effective _____.

Ron Eachus
Chairman

Roger Hamilton
Commissioner

Joan H. Smith
Commissioner

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements of OAR 860-014-0095. A copy of any such request must also be served on each party to the proceeding as provided by OAR 860-013-0070. A party may appeal this order to a court pursuant to ORS 756.580.