

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UE 180/181

In the Matters of	)	
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PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY	)	ORDER
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Request for a General Rate Revision, (UE 180)	)	
	)	
and	)	
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Annual Adjustments to Schedule 125 (2007 RVM Filing). (UE 181)	)	

**DISPOSITION: CASE-CERTIFICATION APPLICATION GRANTED**

On May 12, 2006, League of Oregon Cities (the League) filed an Application for Case Certification pursuant to OAR 860-012-0100(4) and section 5.3 of the Intervenor Funding Agreement (IFA) dated February 5, 2003, and approved by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) in Order No. 03-388 (July 2, 2003). The League served a copy of its application on the UE 180/UE 181 service list. No one objected to the application.

**Discussion**

In order to become eligible to receive an Issue Fund Grant, an intervenor must be case certified or precertified. IFA Section 5.1. An organization must demonstrate that it meets certain criteria, set forth in OAR 860-012-0100(4), in order to become case-certified. We address each criterion separately.

First, the organization must represent the interests of a broad group or class of customers and its participation in the proceeding must be primarily directed at public utility rates and terms and conditions of service affecting that broad group or class of customers. OAR 860-012-0100(4)(a).

The League’s membership consists of 241 individually incorporated municipalities in Oregon, 52 of which receive electric service from Portland General Electric Company (PGE). The League states that in this proceeding it will represent this group of cities in terms of the impact of various rate proposals on the specialized tariffs

affecting municipalities (*e.g.*, street lights), as well as city operations that function as small and large commercial loads.

Second, the organization must demonstrate that it is able to effectively represent its particular group or class of customers. OAR 860-012-0100(4)(b).

The League states that it will effectively represent PGE's municipal customers because it employs an authorized representative already experienced in proceedings before the Commission, as well as legal counsel with ten years experience in Commission proceedings and energy transactions.

Third, the organization's members, who are customers of one or more of the utilities affected by the proceeding, must contribute a significant percentage of the overall support and funding of the organization. OAR 860-012-0100(4)(c).

The League's overall funding is contributed by its members in accordance with their total population. Due to this, and the fact that PGE serves the most populated areas of Oregon, the League states that members served by PGE contribute a significant portion of the overall support of the organization.

Fourth, the organization must demonstrate, or have demonstrated in the past, the ability to substantively contribute to the record on behalf of customer interests related to rates, and terms and conditions of service. OAR 860-012-0100(4)(d).

The League has participated in a number of other proceedings before the Commission. For example, the League sponsored testimony in UE 115, and participated in the recent MidAmerican acquisition of PacifiCorp (UM 1209). The League believes that it has demonstrated, in these past proceedings, its ability to contribute substantively to the record.

Fifth, the organization must demonstrate that: (i) No precertified intervenor in this docket adequately represents the specific interests of the class of customers represented by the organization as to rates and terms and conditions of service; or (ii) The specific interest of a class of customers will benefit from the organization's participation. OAR 860-012-0100(4)(e).

The League contends that no other intervenor adequately represents the specific interests of cities or the rate impacts on the commercial customer class. Furthermore, the League points out that the other precertified intervenors, the Citizens' Utility Board and the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities, focus efforts on residential and industrial customers, respectively. Accordingly, the League believes that its participation will benefit both cities and those commercial consumers with load profiles similar to cities.

Last, the organization must demonstrate that its request for case-certification will not unduly delay the schedule of the proceeding. OAR 860-012-0100(4)(f).

The League points out that its request for case-certification was filed in compliance with the procedural schedule agreed to by the parties, and it will not unduly delay the proceedings.

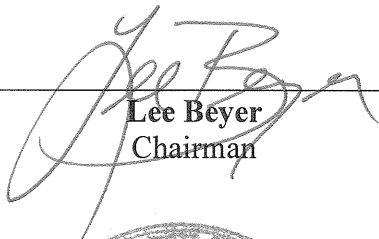
**Conclusion**

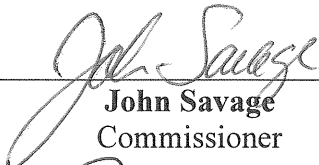
We have reviewed the application and find that the League meets all of the requisite criteria. Its application for case-certification should be granted.

**ORDER**

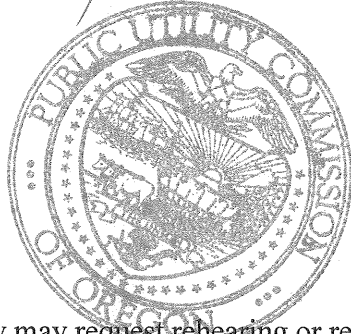
IT IS ORDERED that pursuant to OAR 860-012-0100(4) and Section 5.3 of the Intervenor Funding Agreement, the League of Oregon Cities is case-certified for this docket. A proposed budget should be submitted in accordance with the procedural schedule.

Made, entered, and effective         JUN 05 2006        .

  
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Chairman

  
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**John Savage**  
Commissioner

  
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**Ray Baum**  
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 in 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(2). A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480-183.484.