

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**OF OREGON**

UE 197/UE 198

In the Matters of )  
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 PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC )  
 COMPANY, )  
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 Request for a general rate increase, (UE 197) )  
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 and )  
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 PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC )  
 COMPANY, )  
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 Request for Net Variable Power Cost )  
 Revision. (UE 198). )

ORDER

**DISPOSITION: TARIFF SHEETS SUSPENDED**

On February 27, 2008, PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY (PGE) filed tariff sheets in Advice No. 08-02 to be effective April 1, 2008. The terms of the proposed tariff sheets are set forth in the Staff Report dated March 10, 2008, attached as the Appendix to this order.

The Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) initially docketed the filing as UE 197. The filing was later bifurcated into two dockets: UE 197, to address PGE's request for a general rate revision; and UE 198, to address PGE's request for a revision to its net variable power costs.

At its March 25, 2008, public meeting, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon found good and sufficient cause exists to investigate the propriety and reasonableness of the tariff sheets pursuant to ORS 757.210 and 757.215. The Commission ordered suspension of the advice pending the investigations in dockets UE 197 and UE 198.

IT IS ORDERED that Advice No. 08-02 filed by PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC is suspended for a period of time not to exceed nine months from April 1, 2008, the effective date of the tariff sheets.

Made, entered, and effective MAR 31 2008



BY THE COMMISSION:

*Becky A. Beier*  
Becky Beier  
Commission Secretary

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.

UE 197/UE 198

ITEM NO. 1

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: March 25, 2008**

REGULAR   X   CONSENT        EFFECTIVE DATE       April 1, 2008      

DATE: March 10, 2008

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Judy Johnson *JJ*

THROUGH: *in* Lee Sparling and *EB* Ed Busch

SUBJECT: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC: (Docket No. UE 197/Advice No. 08-02) Requests a general rate revision.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

I recommend that the Commission suspend Portland General Electric's application for revised tariff schedules in Advice No. 08-02.

**DISCUSSION:**

On February 27, 2008, Portland General Electric (PGE) filed Advice No. 08-02, an application for revised tariff schedules. The filing has been docketed as UE 197. The tariffs would implement a general rate revision, increasing PGE's revenues by \$145.9 million, or 8.9 percent overall. The percentage increases by rate class are 9.5 percent for residential customers, 7.7 percent for small non-residential customers, 9.9 percent for large non-residential customers, and 2.4 percent for lighting and signal customers.

Staff recommends the Commission suspend the tariffs for investigation. Suspending the tariffs will allow the Commission to evaluate the reasonableness of the company's proposed rates. ORS 757.215(1) allows the Commission to suspend the proposed rates an additional three months if it finds the investigation will not be completed by the end of the initial six-month suspension period. Due to the size of the increase and the complexity of the case, Staff believes there is sufficient cause for the Commission to determine that the investigation cannot be completed within the initial suspension period, and the additional three-month suspension should be approved at this time.

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**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

PGE's application for revised tariff schedules in Advice No. 08-02 (UE 197), with a proposed effective date of April 1, 2008, be suspended for nine months.

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