ORDER NO.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

NC 303

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON,

Complainant,

v.

ORDER

LANE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (an Oregon cooperative),

Defendant.

DISPOSITION: STIPULATION ADOPTED

On March 3, 2011, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon filed a complaint against Defendant. The complaint charged Defendant with one violation of law, OAR 952-001-0070, and requested a penalty of \$1,000. On March 3, 2011, a copy of the complaint was served.

On April 11, 2011, the parties to this proceeding entered into a stipulation, which is attached as Appendix A.

Under the terms of the stipulation, Defendant admits committing the alleged violation and agrees that the Commission may enter an order assessing civil monetary penalties. Defendant also agrees to complete, within 45 days following the entry of a final order, a training session with the Oregon Utility Notification Center Speakers Bureau on Oregon excavation laws. A review of the Commission's records indicates that Defendant has completed the training session.

The parties further agree that a portion of the penalties should be suspended, unless Defendant fails to comply with any provision of the stipulation or violates any rule adopted by the Oregon Utility Notification Center (OUNC) under ORS 757.552 for a period of one year following the date of the Commission's final order in this proceeding.

The stipulation is adopted. From the foregoing, it is concluded that no hearing is required. Under the terms of the stipulation, the allegations of the complaint are true, and Defendant has violated Oregon Administrative Rule(s) as alleged. Pursuant to the provisions of ORS 757.993, penalties should be assessed against Defendant under the terms and conditions of the stipulation.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. The stipulation, attached as Appendix A, is adopted.
- 2. Civil monetary penalties shall be assessed against Defendant in the amount of \$1,000 for one violation of law.
- 3. Defendant shall pay the sum of \$200, due and payable within 30 days from the date of service of this order. Payment shall be by <u>cashier's check or money order</u> made out to the **Public Utility Commission of Oregon**, and the memo line of the cashier's check or money order shall state the "NC" docket number in the caption of this order. (Mail payment to: Public Utility Commission of Oregon, PO Box 2153, Salem, OR 97308.)
- 4. Payment of the balance of the penalties (\$800) shall be suspended, unless:
 - (a) Defendant fails to comply with paragraph 3 above; or
 - (b) A showing is made that Defendant has violated, within one year of the date of this order, any rules administered by the Oregon Utility Notification Center.

5. If Defendant has not paid the amount assessed in paragraph 3 above within 30 days from the date of service of this order, the unpaid balance of the amount assessed in paragraph 2 shall be due immediately following the expiration of the time period.

Made, entered, and effective

APR 2 2 2011

Lee Sparling
Director
Utility Program

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order under 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 860-001-0720. A copy of the request must also be served on each party to the proceedings as provided in OAR 860-001-0180(2). A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480 through 183.484.

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2	OF OREGON		
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6	Complainant, v.	STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF FINAL ORDER	
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8	LANE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (an Oregon cooperative),		
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10	Defendant.		
11	The Public Utility Commission of Oregon, appearing by and through Paul A.		
12	Graham, Assistant Attorney General, and the Lane Electric Cooperative, Inc., the		
13	defendant herein, hereby stipulate as follows:		
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15	A Complaint in this case is pending before the Commission charging the		
16	defendant with one violation of law, OAR 952-001-0070.		
17	2.		
18	Both parties to this proceeding are willing to forego further processing of that		
19	Complaint and further are willing to resolve this matter on the basis of this stipulation.		
20	3.		
21	The defendant admits that the violation was committed as alleged in the		
22	Complaint and is willing for the Commission to enter an order finding that the violation		
23	was committed as alleged in the Complaint.		
24	4.		
25	The parties further agree that the Commission may enter an order assessing civil		
26	monetary penalties against the defendant in the amount of \$1,000 under the following		

1	terms	and conditions:
2	A.	Defendant shall sign and return this stipulation within 20 days of the date it was
3		served upon (mailed to) defendant.
4	B.	\$200 shall become due and payable on or before the 30 th day following the
5		Commission's entry of a final order in this case.
6	C.	Payment shall be by <u>money order</u> made out to the <u>Public Utility Commission of</u>
7		Oregon, and the memo line of the money order shall state the "NC" docket
8		number in the caption of this stipulation.
9	D.	Payment of the balance of the penalties (\$800) shall be permanently suspended
0		and no further penalties shall be imposed for the violation alleged in the
1		Complaint unless defendant fails to comply with all of the terms of this stipulation
12		and all of the rules adopted by the Oregon Utility Notification Center (OUNC)
13		under ORS 757.552 for a one year period following the date of the Commission's
14		entry of a final order.
15	E.	Defendant shall contact the OUNC Speakers Bureau online at
16		www.digsafelyoregon.com or by calling (503) 232-1987 to arrange for and attend
7		a training session on Oregon excavation laws within 45 days following the entry
8		of a final order.
9	F.	In the event that complainant contends that the defendant has not complied with
20		all of the terms of this stipulation and all OUNC rules for that one year period,
21		complainant may reopen this proceeding and petition for imposition of all or a
22		portion of the suspended penalties. In such case defendant shall be entitled to a
23		hearing and to be notified of the basis upon which complainant contends that
24		compliance has not occurred.
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2	This stipulation is conditioned upon final approval of its terms by the		
3	Commission. If the stipulation is not accepted in its entirety, it shall be deemed		
4	withdrawn.		
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6	DATED this 6 th day of April, 2011.		
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8		Paul a. Mahan	
		Paul A. Graham, OSB #77190	
9		Assistant Attorney General	
10		Of Attorneys for the Public Utility Commission of Oregon	
10		Commission of Oregon	
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12	DATED this 11th day of April	, 2011.	
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14		Representative for Defendant (signature)	
15	·	Frederick M. Crinklaw	
16		(Print name)	
10		General Manager	
17		Lane Electric Cooperative, Inc.	
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