

ORDER NO. 12 285

ENTERED JUL 17 2012

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 1020

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF  
OREGON

Recommendations for Portfolio Options.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED

At its Public Meeting on July 17, 2012, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon adopted Staff's recommendation in this matter, attached as Appendix A.

BY THE COMMISSION:



*Becky L. Beier*

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Commission Secretary

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.

ITEM NO. CA5

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: July 17, 2012**

REGULAR \_\_\_\_\_ CONSENT  X  EFFECTIVE DATE \_\_\_\_\_  Upon Commission Approval

DATE: July 9, 2012

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Erik Colville *EC*

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer and Maury Galbraith *ME*

SUBJECT: PORTFOLIO OPTIONS COMMITTEE: (Docket No. UM 1020)  
Recommended Portfolio Options and Portfolio Options Committee Members.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends continuing the current portfolio of options offered by Portland General Electric (PGE), PacifiCorp, and Northwest Natural Gas Company (NWN), which include the following:

- PGE – Time of Use, Clean Wind, Green Source, and Habitat Support
- PacifiCorp – Time of Use, Blue Sky Block, Blue Sky Usage, and Blue Sky Habitat
- NWN – Smart Energy

Staff also recommends the Commission approve a one-year extension of PGE's contract with Green Mountain Energy Company through December 2013.

In addition, Staff recommends that the Commission appoint the individuals nominated by the Portfolio Options Committee (committee) to serve for the July 2012 through June 2013 term.

**DISCUSSION:**

OAR 860-038-0005(2) specifies that the committee be a group appointed by the Commission consisting of representatives of the Commission staff, Oregon Department of Energy, the electric companies, residential and small nonresidential customers, local

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governments, and public or regional interest groups. The rules do not specify the number of representatives from each category that may serve on the committee.

The committee nominates the following members and proxy members for consideration by the Commission. Staff recommends the Commission appoint the individuals nominated by the committee.

<b>2012 – 2013 Portfolio Options Committee</b>		
<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Roger Rees	Oregon HEAT	Residential consumers
Roger Anderson	Oregon HEAT - Proxy	Residential consumers
Jeff Bissonnette	Citizens' Utility Board	Residential consumers
Sommer Templet	Citizens' Utility Board - Proxy	Residential consumers
Marc Cody	Portland General Electric	Electric companies
Karla Wenzel	Portland General Electric - Proxy	Electric companies
Bryce Dalley	PacifiCorp	Electric companies
Jana Saba	PacifiCorp - Proxy	Electric companies
Rebecca O'Neil	Oregon Department of Energy - Chair	Oregon Department of Energy
Julie Peacock	Oregon Department of Energy - Proxy	Oregon Department of Energy
David Philbrick	Unaffiliated	Residential consumers
Jennifer Gross	Northwest Natural	Gas companies
Brian Hamey	Northwest Natural - Proxy	Gas companies
Eric Lovell	Uroboros Glass Studios	Small non-residential consumers
Janet Steele	Albany Chamber of Commerce	Small non-residential consumers
David Tooze	City of Portland	Local governments
Alisa Kane	City of Portland - Proxy	Local governments
Erik Colville	Oregon Public Utility Commission	Commission Staff
Juliet Johnson	Oregon Public Utility Commission - Proxy	Commission Staff
Megan Decker	Renewable Northwest Project	Public or regional interest groups
Caitlin Peel	Renewable Northwest Project - Proxy	Public or regional interest groups

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The committee also recommends electric portfolio product and pricing options to the Commission pursuant to OAR 860-038-0220. OAR 860-038-0220(3) specifies that, by July 1 of each year, the Committee will recommend portfolio options to the Commission that will be effective January 1 of the following year. The committee makes the following portfolio option recommendations to the Commission:

#### Portland General Electric

- Continuation of current Commission-approved customer options, including: Time of Use, Green Source, Clean Wind, and Habitat Support adder.
- Approve a one-year extension of Portland General Electric's program contractor, Green Mountain Energy Company. This extension will provide continuity as Portland General Electric completes market analysis and prepares for pilots for an additional portfolio option in 2013.
- PGE's contract with The Nature Conservancy's for Habitat Restoration will expire in December 2012. PGE will be conducting an RFP process for a Habitat Restoration provider and anticipates completion of the selection process in fall 2012. The committee makes no recommendation with regard to this contract at this time.

#### PacifiCorp

- Continuation of current Commission-approved customer options, including: Time of Use and Blue Sky programs (Blue Sky Habitat, Blue Sky Block, and Blue Sky Usage).
- Maintain The Freshwater Trust as PacifiCorp's Blue Sky Habitat fund administrator.
- PacifiCorp already obtained committee and Commission approval for a program marketer RFP, published in June 2012.<sup>1</sup>

#### Northwest Natural

- Continuation of NW Natural's current "Smart Energy" greenhouse gas emissions offset program.

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<sup>1</sup> June 5, 2012 Public Meeting Consent Agenda  
(<http://www.puc.state.or.us/puc/meetings/pmemos/2012/060512/ca4.pdf>).

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Staff recommends the Commission accept the committee's portfolio recommendations.

Finally, the committee wishes to confirm receipt of the March 7, 2012, Commission letter to former committee chair Roger Rees requesting that the committee respond in writing to four questions. The Commission requested a response by the end of the year. The committee expects to offer a timely response to the Commission letter.

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

The current portfolio of options offered by PGE, PacifiCorp, and NWN be continued, which include the following:

- PGE – Time of Use, Clean Wind, Green Source, and Habitat Support
- PacifiCorp – Time of Use, Blue Sky Block, Blue Sky Usage, and Blue Sky Habitat
- NWN – Smart Energy

That PGE's contract with Green Mountain Energy Company be extended through December 2013.

In addition, that the individuals nominated by the Portfolio Options Committee be appointed to serve for the July 2012 through June 2013 term.

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