

ORDER NO. 13 270

ENTERED JUL 16 2013

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 1020

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF  
OREGON,

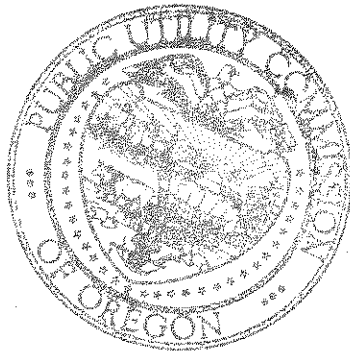
Recommended Portfolio Options.

ORDER

**DISPOSITION: STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED**

At its public meeting on July 16, 2013, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon adopted Staff's recommendation in this matter. The Staff Report with the recommendation is attached as Appendix A.

BY THE COMMISSION:



*Becky L. Beier*

**Becky L. Beier**  
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.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: July 16, 2013**

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

DATE: July 5, 2013

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Brittany Andrus *BA*

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer *E*, Maury Galbraith *MG* and Aster Adams *AA*

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

In addition, Staff recommends that the Commission appoint the individuals nominated by the Portfolio Options Committee (POC) to serve for the July 2013 through June 2014 term.

**DISCUSSION:**

OAR 860-038-0005(2) specifies that the POC 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 governments, and public or regional interest groups. OAR 860-038-0220(3) states that by July 1 of each year, the POC will recommend portfolio options to the Commission that will be effective January 1 of the following year. Staff received the annual POC recommendations memo on June 27, 2013.

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The POC nominates the following members and proxy members for consideration by the Commission for the July 2013 through June 2014 term:

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Kandis Brewer Nunn	Oregon HEAT	Residential consumers
Jeff Bissonnette	Citizens' Utility Board	Residential consumers
Sommer Templet	Citizens' Utility Board – Proxy	Residential consumers
Terri Bowman	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 Harney	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
Brittany Andrus	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
Lee Kuhl	Unaffiliated	Residential consumers

Staff recommends the Commission appoint the individuals nominated by the POC.

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The POC makes the following portfolio option recommendations to the Commission:

#### Portland General Electric

- Continuation of current Commission-approved customer options Time of Use, Green Source, Clean Wind, and Habitat Restoration adder.
- Maintain approval of PGE's contractor The Nature Conservancy as its Habitat Restoration provider.

PGE's contract with program marketer Green Mountain Energy will expire at the end of 2013. PGE submitted to the POC a draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for a three-year contract from 2014 through 2016. As of the date of its annual memo to the Commission, the POC had reviewed the draft and provided comments to PGE; however, it has no specific recommendation at this time.

#### PacifiCorp

- Continuation of current Commission-approved customer options Time of Use and Blue Sky programs (Blue Sky Habitat, Blue Sky Block, and Blue Sky Usage).
- Maintain approval of PacifiCorp's contract with 3Degrees as its program marketer for selected contract activities.
- Maintain approval of PacifiCorp's contract with The Freshwater Trust as its Blue Sky Habitat fund administrator.

#### Northwest Natural

- Continuation of Commission-approved NW Natural's "Smart Energy" greenhouse gas emissions offset program and procurement through The Climate Trust.

Staff supports the POC's portfolio recommendations.

On May 17, 2013, the POC responded to a Commission letter inquiring about marketing costs, administrative costs, communications to the public, and Green-e certification for the voluntary programs. The response contains more in-depth information about the POC's recent activities, including the adoption of a charter, and the institution of annual executive sessions which allow for a confidential review of revenues and expenditures.

The POC's shared role with the PUC in oversight of these programs will be a subject of further discussion during the next year, and specific recommendations will likely be included in the next annual memo. In addition, because POC members believe that this

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is an appropriate time to revisit the time-of-use market-based products,<sup>1</sup> they expect to make a recommendation on those options in the next annual memo.

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

The current portfolio of options offered by PGE, PacifiCorp, and NWN be continued as currently offered. In addition, that the individuals nominated by the Portfolio Options Committee be appointed to serve for the July 2013 through June 2014 term.

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<sup>1</sup> As required by ORS 757.603(2)(b).