

ORDER NO. 14 282

ENTERED AUG 08 2014

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1384

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
COMPANY,

ORDER

Request for Alternative Meter Testing Policy.

DISPOSITION: MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY METER
TESTING POLICY GRANTED

On August 7, 2014, Portland General Electric Company (PGE) filed a request for Commission approval of an alternative meter testing policy to be applied during its pending exchange of 70,000 smart meters. PGE states it has discussed this alternative sampling proposal with the Commission's safety staff, which supports the request.

Under OAR 860-023-0015(1), utilities must either test all meters during installation or obtain a Commission-approved random sampling testing policy. PGE first obtained an alternative testing policy in Order No. 08-377. That policy, which governs testing of new and existing meters, was subsequently amended in Orders No. 11-006, 13-010, and 14-040.

PGE now seeks a waiver of OAR 860-023-0015(1) for the installation and testing of approximately half of 70,000 smart meters scheduled to be exchanged.

PGE proposes to test these meters in accordance with the policy approved by the Commission for the utility's deployment of advanced meters during 2008-2010. To be more specific, PGE proposes to generally follow American National Standards Institute (ANSI) sampling procedures for lot size and then apply the highest testing level to compensate for the lack of statistically accurate randomness with which the meters are selected for testing.

We treat PGE's request as seeking a temporary amendment to its alternative meter testing policy and grant it. Once the designated meters are installed, PGE will revert to its existing policy.

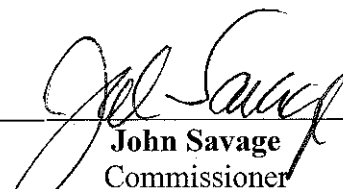
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IT IS ORDERED that the request for a temporary amendment to the alternative meter testing policy under OAR 860-023-0015(1), filed by Portland General Electric Company, is granted.


Made, entered, and effective AUG 08 2014.



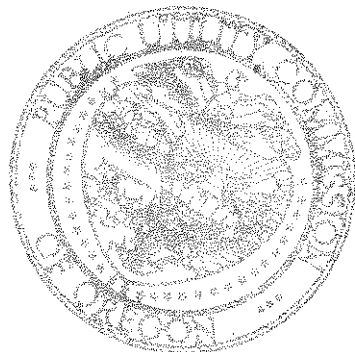
Susan K. Ackerman
Chair



John Savage
Commissioner



Stephen M. Bloom
Commissioner



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.