

ORDER NO. 00-491

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**OF OREGON**

UE 114

In the Matter of the Application of )  
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC )  
COMPANY seeking Approval of the )  
Fourth Amendment to the Power Purchase )  
and Option Agreement with Boise )  
Cascade. )

ORDER

**DISPOSITION: APPLICATION ALLOWED TO GO INTO EFFECT**

On August 10, 2000, Portland General Electric Company (PGE) filed the Fourth Amendment to its 1986 Power Purchase Agreement with Boise Cascade in Advice No. 00-10. The filing cancels the Third Amendment to the 1986 Agreement, which the Commission approved, subject to condition, at its July 20, 2000, meeting. *See* Order No. 00-391. The Fourth Amendment proposes to replace the market-based pricing structure established in the current contract with certain terms and conditions designed to provide Boise Cascade with price certainty. A description of those terms, as well as the procedural history of this filing, is contained in the Staff Report attached as Appendix A and incorporated by reference.

At a special public meeting on August 30, 2000, the Commission adopted Staff's recommendation to allow the Fourth Amendment to go into effect for meter readings on or after August 31, 2000, subject to the condition that other customers are held harmless. That condition will be applied in docket UE 113, and the Commission does not need to make any conclusions now about the contribution to fixed costs necessary to meet that condition. Further, because of the uncertainty about impacts on customers in the post October 1, 2001, time frame, the Commission concludes that the Fourth Amendment will be allowed to go into effect only for service through September 30, 2001.

**ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED that the Fourth Amendment to the Power Purchase Agreement between Boise Cascade and Portland General Electric is allowed to go into effect for meter readings on or after August 31, 2000, for service through September 30, 2001, subject to the condition that customers are held harmless.

Made, entered and effective \_\_\_\_\_.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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Vikie Bailey-Goggins  
Commission Secretary

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561.  
A party may appeal this order to a court pursuant to ORS 756.580.