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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UE 117

In the Matter of PORTLAND GENERAL)	
ELECTRIC COMPANY's Revised Tariff)	COMMISSION RULING
Schedules for Electric Service in Oregon.)	

DISPOSITION: MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF MODIFIED
PROTECTIVE ORDER GRANTED

On November 22, 2000, Portland General Electric (PGE) filed a Motion for Approval of Modified Protective Order. PGE states that the motion is similar to that supported by the Commission Staff, the Citizens' Utility Board (CUB), and the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU), and approved by the Commission in Docket UE 115. PGE requests that the Commission approve the use of the Modified Protective Order, which is designed to reduce disputes regarding the distribution of confidential information.

The Modified Protective Order makes several changes to the Standard Protective Order. Among other things, it explicitly requires parties to attempt informal resolution of disputes regarding confidential information. It also eliminates the confusing categories of "qualified persons," and makes changes to clarify the parties' intent on the signature page.

No party filed an objection to PGE's similar motion in docket UE 115. Due to that fact, and to expedite the exchange of confidential information in this docket, the Commission finds that good cause exists to rule on PGE's motion at this time. *See* OAR 860-011-0000(6). Any party aggrieved by this ruling may request reconsideration pursuant to ORS 756.561.

After our review, we find that the Modified Protective Order is appropriate for use in this docket and grant PGE's request. The Modified Protective Order, attached as Appendix A, shall govern the disclosure of confidential information in this case. Parties desiring receipt of confidential information shall sign the Consent to be Bound Form set forth on page 6 of Appendix A.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

- (1) The Motion for Approval of a Modified Protective Order, filed by Portland General Electric Company, is granted.
- (2) The Modified Protective Order, attached as Appendix A, shall govern the disclosure of confidential information in this case.
- (3) Each party shall submit a list of “qualified persons” associated with that party at the time it files with the Commission a copy of the signatory page.

Made, entered, and effective_____.

Ron Eachus
Chairman

Roger Hamilton
Commissioner

Joan H. Smith
Commissioner

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to 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 860-014-0095. A copy of any such request must also be served on each party to the proceeding as provided by OAR 860-013-0070(2). A party may appeal this order to a court pursuant to applicable law.