



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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October 31, 2007

Michael Grant
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
550 Capitol St. NE – Ste 215
Salem, OR 97301-2551

Re: LC 42

Dear Judge Grant:

As you know the Prehearing Conference Memorandum dated June 22, 2007, provides that Staff is to file comments and recommendations and a Draft Order today. Staff completed and filed its comments and recommendations. But due to workload issues, Staff was not able to file the Draft Order as scheduled. Staff informed the Company last week that it would not be able to file the Draft Order on time and proposed that Staff host a conference call with all parties soon after their receipt of Staff's comments and recommendations to discuss the remaining schedule given the situation.

During the proposed conference call Staff is planning on discussing with the parties whether, in light of the Staff's comments and recommendations, the parties still want to see a Draft Order or whether they will agree to skip the Draft Order and keep the schedule on track. However, if any of the parties still want Staff to file a Draft Order then a new schedule will need to be worked out. The Company agreed to consider whether to drop the Draft Order from the schedule after reviewing Staff's comments and recommendation. Staff does not know the position of the other parties regarding Staff's proposal.

Staff will set up the conference call with the other parties as soon as practicable and report back to you regarding its outcome. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

David B. Hatton
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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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3 I certify that on October 31, 2007, I served the foregoing upon all parties of record in this
4 proceeding by delivering a copy by electronic mail and by mailing a copy by postage prepaid
5 first class mail or by hand delivery/shuttle mail to the parties accepting paper service.

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