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Associate General Counsel

February 22, 2018

Via Electronic Filing

Oregon Public Utility Commission
Attention: Filing Center
PO Box 1088
Salem OR 97308-1088

Re: UE 335 - PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, General Rate Revision

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned docket is Portland General Electric Company's Affidavit of Melanie Erdmann regarding Notice of General Rate Revision and the corresponding newspaper affidavits (Exhibits A and B).

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "DCT", is written over the printed name of Douglas C. Tingey.

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Enclosures

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 335

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
COMPANY,

Request for a General Rate Revision.

**AFFIDAVIT OF MELANIE ERDMANN
REGARDING NOTICE OF
GENERAL RATE REVISION**

State of Oregon)
)ss.
County of Multnomah)

I, Melanie Erdmann, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and say:

1. My full name is Melanie Erdmann. I am a Specialist with Portland General Electric Company's ("PGE") Corporate Communications Department.

2. PGE filed its Request for a General Rate Revision with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon on February 15, 2018.

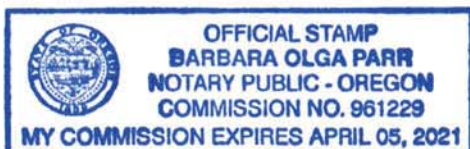
3. Pursuant to OAR 860-022-0017, PGE caused to be published a display advertisement announcing the General Rate Revision on Saturday, February 17, 2018, in *The Oregonian* and *The Salem Statesman Journal* and on Sunday, February 18, 2018, in *The Oregonian*. The ad sizes for *The Oregonian* were 6.61" columns wide by 10.5 inches tall. The ad size for *The Salem Statesman Journal* was 6" column wide by 10.7 inches tall. Affidavits of Publication from the aforementioned newspapers, along with the published announcements, are attached as Exhibits A & B respectively.

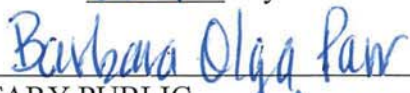
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MELANIE ERDMANN

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 22nd day of February, 2018.





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My Commission Expires: April 15, 2021



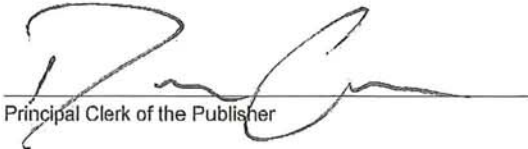
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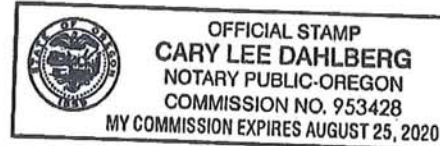
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The Oregonian 02/17/2018



Principal Clerk of the Publisher

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of February 2018



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'It's a bad year for rats': How to fight them

Kym Pokorny

For The Oregonian/OregonLive

An uptick in urban rats has homeowners frantically trying to figure out ways to thwart infestations.

"It is a bad year for rats," said Dana Sanchez, wildlife specialist for Oregon State University Extension Service. "Eugene and parts of Portland are experiencing a noticeable increase. It could mean there are more rats or it could be evidence that people are providing more habitat."

Rats — in this case non-native black (*Rattus rattus*) and brown (*Rattus norvegicus*) — are drawn to any outside food sources, such as pet food, chicken food, bird seed and kitchen scraps in compost piles. Even compost without kitchen scraps provides insects that rats consume, unless the pile is kept hot enough to kill them. If rats get inside the house, they'll dine on whatever food they find there and look for places to nest and reproduce.

"Both species are very opportunistic and have an easy time adapting to living in the presence of humans," Sanchez said.

You can identify the two rats, if you want to, by color and size. Black rats weigh in at 4½ ounces and grow up to 5 to 6 inches long; adult brown rats weigh 9 to 10 ounces and reach up to 16 inches.

Many people are afraid of rats, Sanchez said, and there are good reasons for that.

"There are definite social norms that say if you have rodents living near you it's associated with dirtiness, garbage and waste products," she said. "There's a reticence to admitting to seeing rats or talking about them because there's a fear of public shaming. That works to the rats' advantage because people aren't finding cooperative solutions to a collective problem."

To help control rats, Sanchez said neighbors should work together to share information and help keep areas clean. Finding collaborative solutions includes working to come up with strategies with city and county vector departments, which are charged with rodent control

among other things.

"Rats are very intelligent and resourceful," Sanchez said. "Simply putting down a trap and expecting a rat to fall into it won't work. They inspect and avoid things new in the environment. Rats have an amazing ability that once they figure out something has made them sick, they will avoid it in the future."

Controlling rats is the first step, Sanchez said, but isn't a long-term solution. Spying rats in your home or on your property will increase your awareness and there will be a lot of focused efforts on getting rid of them. That may reduce the population to a point, but if the efforts aren't sustained, it will create a cyclical pattern. Once humans see fewer rats, they reduce efforts to rat-proof, then the problem starts all over again.

Sanchez provides some tips for managing rats:

- › Don't leave uneaten pet food outside. Keep pet food stored in plastic bins.
- › Store indoor food properly, in containers if possible. Don't leave untended food out on counters.
- › Thin out dense brush that provides shelter.
- › Keep bird seed off the ground by using baffles. Hang bird feeders away from eaves or fences that give rats easy access.
- › Use the hot compost process or a contained system. At the very least, keep food scraps out of compost pile.
- › Clean up fruit that's dropped to the ground.
- › Repair gaps larger than ¼ inch around doors, windows, crawl space screens, attic vents and any other place where holes may provide access.
- › Keep garbage in a plastic bin with a lid.
- › Make sure rats don't have access to chicken feed or chickens, which they can kill. Use a smaller aperture hardware cloth rather than chicken wire. Bury the bottom several inches below ground. Make sure coop is rat proof by closing up any holes bigger than a nickel.
- › Use bait and traps, keeping in mind this will

only work if there are a few rats; for larger populations consider hiring a licensed and bonded exterminator.

› Stay vigilant. Even if you don't see rats, they are around and keeping your home and landscape unattractive to them will help keep them at bay.

Kym Pokorny is a communications specialist with Oregon State University Extension and Experiment Station Communications.



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GARDENING TIP



Test the viability of old seed by placing 10 to 20 seeds within the folds of a wet paper towel. Put the towel in a sealed plastic bag and keep it in a warm place, such as on top of a refrigerator. Light is not necessary. Check them after a week. If the germination rate is less than 50 percent, discard the seed packet. — *Washington Post*

Marcia Westcott Peck



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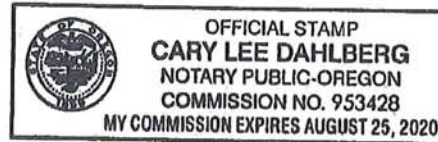
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In The Matter Of: PGE

Advertisement for - Proposed Electricity Price Change

This is to certify that the above advertising for PGE appeared in

Newspaper name Salem Statesman Journal

On (Dates) 2-17-18

Melinda Hautala
Signature

Sworn to before me this 20th day of February 2018.

Lisa Michelle Nash
Notary Public



Teen who set Eagle Creek Fire sentenced

He wrote an apology to everyone involved in fire

Zach Urness
Salem Statesman Journal
USA TODAY NETWORK

HOOD RIVER — A teenager charged in juvenile court with starting an explosive wildfire in Oregon's Columbia River Gorge last fall by tossing a lit firecracker into the woods pleaded guilty Friday in a deal that spares him time in custody.

The boy, who was 15 at the time, has not been identified by authorities because of fear for his safety after an angry backlash from those who consider the scenic gorge a cherished playground on Portland's doorstep. He appeared in Hood River County Court with his parents, who followed the hearing with the help of an interpreter.

The teen's family emigrated to the U.S. in 2000 from Ukraine and lives in Vancouver, Washington.

He pleaded guilty to eight counts of reckless burning of public and private property, two counts of depositing burning materials on forest land, and one count each of second-degree criminal mischief and reckless endangerment of others — all misdemeanors.

District Judge John Olson sentenced the teen to more than 2 1/2 months of community service and five years of probation. The Oregonian reported. A hearing in May will determine the de-

tails of restitution.

The teen apologized in a statement he read in court and asked for forgiveness after listening to an hour of impact statements.

"I know I will have to live with his bad decision for the rest of my life, but I have learned from this experience and will work hard to help rebuild the community in any way that I can," he said.

"I now realize how important it is to think before acting because my actions can have serious consequences."

The early September blaze grew to 75 square miles (94 square kilometers) and forced evacuations, caused the extended shutdown of a major interstate highway and sent ash raining down on Portland for days.

A group of day hikers was trapped by rapidly spreading flames in the forest overnight and had to hike out 14 miles the following day.

The fire and its aftermath have cost nearly \$40 million and that figure could rise because crews are still working to rebuild and reopen a number of popular hiking trails in the Eagle Creek Wilderness before the summer season. Other trails could be closed for months more.

The closure of Interstate 94 and the Historic Columbia River Highway also impacted small businesses that depend on tourism.

Environmental groups said after the hearing that it was time to focus on rebuilding the gorge. "The fire is out and the court has spoken," Michael Lang,



The Eagle Creek wildfire is seen from across the Columbia River, burning in the Gorge above Cascade Locks.
TRISTAN FORTSCH/KLATU-TV VIA AP

conservation director for Friends of the Columbia Gorge, said in a statement.

The boy's attorney said his client has learned from the experience and is ready to move forward, Oregon Public Broadcasting reported.

"In my perspective, the law was applied here as it should," said attorney Jack Morris.

"I want you to know that the state has not done him any favors."

At the hearing, Hood River County District Attorney John Sewell said there wasn't sufficient evidence to press felony charges, which would have required investigators to prove the teenager intended to start the fire.

There also wasn't evidence to prosecute the group of teenagers accompanying the teen, OPB reported.

Sewell said the boy, his parents and the group of teenagers voluntarily submitted their interviews to investigators.

The teen issued a written apology that reads:

I want to express how sorry I am for what I did. I know a lot of people suffered because of a bad decision that I made. I'm sorry to the first responders who risked their lives to put out the fires, I am sorry to the hikers that were trapped, I am sorry to the people who worried about their safety and their homes that day, and for weeks afterwards. I am truly sorry about the loss of nature that occurred because of my careless action.

Every day I think about this terrible decision and its awful consequences. Every time I hear people talk about the fire, I put myself down. I know I will have to live with my bad decision for the rest of my life, but I have learned from this experience and will work hard to help rebuild the community in any way that I can. I now realize how important it is to think before acting because my actions can have serious consequences. I, myself, love spending time in nature and I now realize how much work it takes to maintain the National Forest so people can enjoy it.

I sincerely apologize to everyone who had to deal with this fire. I cannot imagine how scary it must have been for you. I know I have to earn your forgiveness and I will work hard to do so and one day, I hope I will. Thank you for giving me a chance to speak. This has been a big learning experience for me and I take it very seriously. I apologize with all my heart to everyone in the Gorge.

This weekend's snowfall could reach valley floor

Zach Urness
Salem Statesman Journal
USA TODAY NETWORK

A system of cool weather is expected to bring significant snow to Oregon's mountains and even some onto the Willamette Valley floor this weekend, forecasters said.

Hazardous conditions are expected on Cascade Range passes throughout the holiday weekend, with high winds and a "whiteout" expected Saturday afternoon and into Sunday.

Snow could fall on the valley floor Sunday evening, although how much accumulates is hard to say, National Weather Service meteorologist Laurel

McCoy said.

The most likely scenario is that valley cities, including Salem, along with towns on the Oregon Coast, will get 1 or 2 inches of snow, officials said.

But depending on how quickly the temperature drops, cities might also see no accumulation, or as much as 2 to 4 inches of snow.

"That's the big question," McCoy said. "It will be cold enough, but we're not sure how much precipitation will be left at that point."

In each of the scenarios, ice is likely to make roads slippery Monday morning in the valley.

"Even if no snow falls, black ice could become an issue late in the weekend (in

the valley)," McCoy said.

Cascade Mountain passes Snow will begin in the mountains Friday, dropping four to eight inches. But the storm will have the biggest impact on Cascade passes Saturday and Sunday.

Twelve to 18 inches of snow is forecast for Santiam Pass, Willamette Pass and the Mount Hood area. Winds of 30 to 50 miles per hour, with gusts to 70, will be possible near and above treeline.

"Heavy snow and strong winds will likely lead to whiteout conditions at times Saturday afternoon through Sunday," said a Winter Weather Warning. "Expect difficult travel conditions with significant reductions in visibility."

The only good news is for Oregon's beleaguered snowpack. In the short term, the snow should bolster a snowpack currently only 35 to 40 percent of normal.

McCoy said the cold weather is expected to stick around through next week and more snow is a possibility.

"We don't know everything about how this storm will play out, but we do know it's going to get cold," she said.

Zach Urness has been an outdoors writer, photographer and videographer in Oregon for 10 years. He is the author of the book "Hiking Southern Oregon" and can be reached at zurness@statesmanjournal.com or (503) 399-6001. Find him on Twitter at @ZachsORoutdoors.

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