

- 1 i. PGE – June 1
- 2 ii. Pacific Power – August 1
- 3 iii. Idaho Power – October 1”

4 Under Staff’s proposed modified ordering language, the three electric utilities will still
5 file their respective Smart Grid Reports in 2017 (as PGE has already done), but they will not
6 have to file the next report until 2019 (rather in 2018). The reporting intervals of June for PGE,
7 August for PacifiCorp and October for Idaho Power would remain the same under Staff’s
8 proposed language change.

9 **Support for Motion**

10 Staff held a workshop with interested parties, including all three affected utilities, on May
11 15, 2017. The purpose of the meeting was to receive suggestions from such parties about ways
12 to improve the current Smart Grid Report and the reporting process generally. The one
13 suggested change that all parties either agreed upon, or did not oppose, was to change the
14 reporting cycle as set forth in this Motion.

15 While a party may have had its own reasons for supporting such a change, all appeared to
16 agree that the information contained in the Smart Grid Report was not of the type that required
17 yearly updating. One common observation among parties was the relatively brief time period
18 between the Commission’s acceptance of the previous year’s Smart Grid Report and the current
19 year’s Report (usually around eight months). Parties noted that this does not give the utilities
20 sufficient time for any significant updates to occur and also may not allow enough time to fully
21 analyze longer-term impacts of smart grid investments. This can result in few changes occurring
22 in the Smart Grid Reports from year to year. As such, it may reasonably be refreshed on a two-
23 year, rather than annual, cycle.

24 Staff informed the parties after the workshop that it intended to file this Motion and asked
25 for all parties to respond with either their support for the Motion or a statement of neutrality or
26 opposition. As of the date of this Motion, Staff heard from the following parties, each of whom

1 expressed support for the Motion: PGE, PacifiCorp, Idaho Power, the Oregon Department of
2 Energy and the Northwest Energy Coalition.

3 **Conclusion**

4 For the reasons stated, Staff requests that the Commission amend its Order No. 12-158 as
5 set forth in this Motion.

6 DATED this 30th day of June, 2017

7 Respectfully submitted,

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