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March 22, 2006

***Via Electronic Filing and U.S. Mail***

Oregon Public Utility Commission  
Attention: Filing Center  
PO Box 2148  
Salem OR 97308-2148

Re: Revised Application for Deferred Accounting Treatment of Certain Expenses Associated with Grid West Loans  
OPUC Docket No. UM \_\_\_\_\_

Attention Filing Center:

Yesterday Portland General Electric filed with the Commission an Application for Deferred Accounting Treatment of Certain Expenses Associated with Grid West Loans. This filing was given Tracking No. 2495 by the Filing Center.

This Application was in error. A Revised Application is attached. Please replace the Application filed yesterday with the enclosed Application.

There was no error in the Notice of Application that was sent to the UE 115 Service List, so we will not be resending the Notice.

An extra copy of this cover letter is enclosed. Please date stamp the extra copy and return it to me in the envelope provided.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

/s/ DOUGLAS C. TINGEY

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Enclosure

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

**UM \_\_\_\_\_**

In the Matter of the Application of Portland  
General Electric Company for an Order  
Approving the Deferral of Certain Costs and  
Revenues Associated With Grid West

**REVISED APPLICATION FOR  
DEFERRED ACCOUNTING  
TREATMENT OF CERTAIN EXPENSES  
ASSOCIATED WITH GRID WEST  
LOANS**

Pursuant to ORS 757.259 and OAR 860-027-0300, Portland General Electric Company (“PGE”) hereby requests authorization to defer for later rate-making treatment certain expenses associated with the Grid West loans (the “Deferred Amount”), described in more detail below. Depending upon the balance of the Deferred Amount, if any, PGE may seek amortization of the Deferred Amount in a future Commission proceeding. In support of this Application, PGE states:

1. PGE is a public utility in the state of Oregon and its rates, services and accounting practices are subject to the regulation of the Oregon Public Utility Commission (“Commission”).
2. This application is filed pursuant to ORS 757.259, which allows the Commission, upon application, to authorize deferral of certain items for later incorporation in rates.
3. Communications regarding this Application should be addressed to:

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## **I. OAR 860-027-0300 REQUIREMENTS**

The following is provided pursuant to OAR 860-027-0300(3).

### **A. DESCRIPTION**

Over at least the last five years, PGE has been involved in developing a regional transmission organization in the Pacific Northwest, currently known as Grid West. Like other members of Grid West, PGE has provided a share of the funds loaned to Grid West<sup>1</sup>, and expects to advance funds to Grid West over the next two years. PGE's share of the Grid West loans through 2005 was \$1.2 million<sup>2</sup>, and its forecasted share of the Grid West loans for 2006 and 2007 is \$1.7 million<sup>3</sup> (collectively, the "Grid West Loans").

PGE has entered its share of the 2005 Grid West Loan as a balance sheet item. The loan is not a current expense because in exchange for the loan PGE receives a loan receivable with a balance equal to the loan amount. PGE accounts for the loan receivable from Grid West as an asset. If in the future the Grid West Loans are no longer deemed to be recoverable, then Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") would require PGE to write off a part or all of the receivable. If PGE writes off all or part of the asset, the amount written-off becomes an expense effective as of the date of the write-off pursuant to GAAP. GAAP provides objective

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<sup>1</sup> Advances to Grid West accrue interest at a contractual rate based on the average prime rate published in the Federal Reserve Bulletin (Per CFR 35.19).

<sup>2</sup> Reflects loan advances of \$1.0 million and approximately \$0.2 million of accrued interest through year-end 2005.

<sup>3</sup> Reflects forecast loan advances of \$1.4 million and approximately \$0.3 million of additional forecast accrued interest from Jan 1, 2006 through year-end 2007. Assumes the actual prime rate of 7.0% at year-end 2005 applies for the remainder of 2006 and 2007.

measures for determining when an asset should be written-off. The Deferred Amounts under this Application consist of any expense that is incurred if PGE is required to write off a part or all the receivable(s) from the Grid West Loans.

**B. REASONS FOR DEFERRAL**

PGE seeks deferred accounting treatment of the potential expense associated with Grid West pursuant to ORS 757.259(2)(e). The granting of this Application will minimize the frequency of rate changes and match appropriately the costs borne by and benefits received by customers. The creation of a deferred account may avoid the need to adjust rates to reflect PGE's share of the Grid West funding obligations. Without a deferred account, PGE would be forced to seek recovery in rates for the Grid West funding. Moreover, the Grid West Loans are provided pursuant to FERC requirements to develop a regional transmission entity. Deferred accounting will match the potential expense associated with Grid West Loans with the customers who would benefit from the formation of a regional transmission entity.

**C. PROPOSED ACCOUNTING**

PGE proposes to record the Deferred Amounts as a regulatory asset in FERC account 182.3, crediting FERC account 124, Other Investments. In the absence of approval of this deferred accounting application, PGE would record the amounts written off (if any) to FERC account 426.5, Other Deductions. Amounts deferred will accrue interest at PGE's authorized cost of capital from the date the amounts are deferred until collected from customers.

**D. ESTIMATE OF AMOUNTS**

It is difficult to project the amount of the deferred balance. The balance could be as high as \$2.9 million if PGE is forced to write off the entire amount of PGE's share of the Grid West Loans for 2005 through the projected loans for 2006 and 2007. On the other hand, the Deferred Amount could be zero if PGE does not write off the receivable from Grid West.

**E. NOTICE**

A copy of the notice of application for deferred accounting treatment and a list of persons served with the notice are attached to the Application as Attachment A.

**II. CONCLUSION**

For the reasons stated above, PGE requests permission to defer certain expenses associated with the Grid West Loans described herein from the date of this Application.

DATED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2006.

/s/ PATRICK G. HAGER, III

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**Attachment A**

**Notice Of Application For Deferred Accounting Of  
Certain Expenses Associated With Grid West Loans**

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON  
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In the Matter of the Application of Portland  
General Electric Company for an Order  
Approving the Deferral of Certain Costs and  
Revenues Associated With Grid West

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR  
DEFERRED ACCOUNTING  
TREATMENT OF CERTAIN EXPENSES  
ASSOCIATED WITH GRID WEST  
LOANS**

On March 21, 2006, Portland General Electric Company (“PGE”) filed an application with the Oregon Public Utility Commission (the “Commission”) for an Order authorizing deferral of certain expenses associated with the Grid West loans.

Approval of PGE’s Application will not authorize a change in PGE’s rates, but will permit the Commission to consider allowing such deferred amounts in rates in a subsequent proceeding.

Persons who wish to obtain a copy of PGE’s application should contact the following:

Portland General Electric Company  
Attn: Adam Menendez  
121 SW Salmon, 1 WTC-1301  
Portland, OR 97204  
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Any person who wishes to submit written comments to the Commission on PGE’s application must do so no later than April 20, 2006.

Dated: March 21, 2006

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day caused the foregoing NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DEFERRED ACCOUNTING TREATMENT OF CERTAIN EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH GRID WEST LOANS to be served by First Class US Mail, postage prepaid and properly addressed, upon each party on the attached service list from the last general rate case, OPUC Docket No. UE 115.

Dated at Portland, Oregon, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2006.

/s/ PATRICK G. HAGER, III  
Patrick G. Hager, III



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