

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 177, UE 178, UG 170 & UG 171

In the Matters of OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY)
 COMMISSION STAFF directing:)
)
 PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,)
 (UE 177))
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 PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC)
 COMPANY, (UE 178))
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 NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY,)
 dba NW NATURAL, (UG 170))
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 and)
)
 AVISTA CORPORATION, dba AVISTA)
 UTILITIES, (UG 171))
)
 To file tariffs establishing automatic adjustment)
 clauses under the terms of SB 408.)

RULING

DISPOSITION: EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION GRANTED

On December 14, 2007, the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) filed an “Expedited Motion to Modify the Protective Order.” Specifically, ICNU requests that Order No. 06-033 be modified to allow an out-of-state consultant to have a copy of certain tax documents filed by PacifiCorp under strict confidentiality, or to have the documents be kept in a new safe room to be established in Houston, Texas. ICNU contends that expedited consideration of its motion is required given the current procedural schedule. ICNU’s testimony is due January 22, 2008.

Although ICNU requests expedited consideration, it fails to indicate a date by which it seeks a ruling. Under OAR 860-013-0050(2), PacifiCorp is generally entitled to respond within 15 days of the filing. Given the lack of time, I find that good cause exists to shorten that reply period to 7 days. See OAR 860-0011-0000(6). Accordingly, PacifiCorp’s response is due by close of business December 24, 2007.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 17th day of December, 2007.

Michael Grant
Chief Administrative Law Judge