

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 177, UE 178, UG 170 & UG 171

In the Matters of the PUBLIC UTILITY)
 COMMISSION OF OREGON STAFF)
 directing:)
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 PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER &)
 LIGHT COMPANY, (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)
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 AVISTA UTILITIES, (UG 171))
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 To file tariffs establishing automatic)
 adjustment clauses under the terms of SB 408.)

MEMORANDUM

On January 14, 2008, the Commission received a copy of a letter to the parties in *Ken Lewis et al v. Public Utility Commission*, Marion County Case No. 07C11429. In that ruling, the Honorable Judge Lipscomb concluded that ORS 757.268(4) requires the Commission to "establish" automatic adjustment clauses for the four SB 408 utilities without further delay.

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify the parties that, at its January 22, 2008, Public Meeting, the Commission will consider a recommendation from Staff to establish the automatic adjustment clauses using numbers derived from the tax filings the four utilities made on October 15, 2007. Staff will propose that the clauses be established, subject to revision when the Commission issues final orders in these dockets. The Commission can order those revisions, if there are any, by requiring the submission of compliance tariffs, well in advance of June 1, 2008, when dollars are to flow through the clauses as surcharges or as reductions. Staff's Public Meeting reports will be posted on the Commission's website on Thursday, January 17, 2008.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 15th day of January, 2008.

Michael Grant
 Chief Administrative Law Judge