

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of)	
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OREGON ELECTRIC UTILITY)	ALJ
COMPANY, LLC, <i>et al.</i> ,)	MEMORANDUM
)	
Application for Authorization to Acquire)	
Portland General Electric Company.)	

DISPOSITION: ORAL ARGUMENT PROCEDURE

Oral arguments are scheduled for December 13, 2004. The purpose of this memorandum is to outline the format for oral argument, and to identify the parties that wish to participate.

Participating Parties

Parties who have filed testimony or briefs in this proceeding may participate in oral argument. Parties who have not filed briefs or testimony, but still wish to present oral argument, must file a request to participate, showing good cause as to why they should be allowed to argue before the Commission.

Format

Each party that participates in oral argument will be given ten minutes to make its argument. Each party should make its “best case” by focusing on why the application should be granted, should not be granted, or should be granted with conditions. Further, each party should explain why the Commission should not adopt other parties’ positions as set forth in their briefs. Parties need not reiterate the detailed contents of their briefs, as the Commissioners will have read both sets of briefs in advance of oral argument.

After each ten-minute argument, the Commissioners will ask the presenting party to respond to questions raised by the testimony, briefs, and oral argument. Parties should anticipate extensive questioning regarding net benefits, including how such benefits should be measured; the substance and nature of the conditions to be placed on the acquisition, if approved; and the effects of rejecting the application.

Timelines

Parties who wish to participate in oral argument must submit a written request by December 1, 2004. Failure to submit such a request will result in a party not being able to participate in oral arguments. Parties who have not filed briefs or testimony, but wish to participate in oral argument, must file their request to participate, showing good cause, by December 1, 2004.

Order of Presentation

A ruling will issue on December 6, 2004, setting forth the order of presentation. The order will include any additional information necessary for oral argument.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 23rd day of November, 2004.

Kathryn A. Logan
Administrative Law Judge

Christina M. Smith
Administrative Law Judge