

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1234

In the Matter of)	
)	
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC)	RULING
)	
Application for Deferred Accounting of)	
Excess Power Costs Due to Plant Outage.)	

**DISPOSITION: DOCKET DESIGNATED MAJOR PROCEEDING;
ORAL ARGUMENT WILL BE SCHEDULED**

On July 21, 2006, Portland General Electric Company (PGE) filed a motion requesting that the above captioned docket be designated as a “major proceeding,” pursuant to ORS 756.518(2), ORS 756.040 and OAR 860-014-0023. Should the docket be designated as a major proceeding, PGE requests oral argument.¹ Alternatively, PGE requests that the Commission exercise its discretion to hold oral argument.

PGE contends that the above captioned docket is a major proceeding, as defined by OAR 860-014-0023² because: 1) the docket has had a full, contested case procedural schedule with three rounds of written testimony and a scheduled hearing; 2) the docket involves \$42 million in power costs, affects PGE’s financial performance and ability to attract capital; and 3) PGE serves more than 50,000 customers.

Although PGE focuses on the potential indirect impact of this proceeding on its more than 50,000 customers, the docket may also directly impact customer rates. Due to this potential direct and indirect impact, and because the docket has involved a full, contested case procedural schedule, I find it appropriate to designate the above captioned docket as a major proceeding. Pursuant to PGE’s request, oral argument will be scheduled following the submission of briefs. I will consult with the Commissioners regarding their

¹ ORS 756.518(2) requires the Commission to hold oral argument, when requested by a party, in a major proceeding.

² OAR 860-014-0023, in pertinent part, defines a “major proceeding” as a proceeding that: (1) has a full procedural schedule with written testimony or written comments; and (2) either: (a) has a substantial impact on the rates or service quality of an energy utility having more than 50,000 customers; or (b) has a significant impact on the customers or operations of an energy utility having more than 50,000 customers.

schedules, and will further address setting a date for oral argument at the hearing scheduled for August 3, 2006.

Dated this 24th day of July, 2006, at Salem, Oregon.

Traci A. G. Kirkpatrick
Administrative Law Judge