

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 197 & UE 198

In the Matter of)	
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PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC)	
COMPANY,)	
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Request for a general rate revision, (UE 197))	JOINT PREHEARING
)	CONFERENCE REPORT
and)	
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PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC)	
COMPANY,)	
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Request for Net Variable Power Cost)	
Revision. (UE 198).)	

DISPOSITION: DOCKET BIFURCATED; PETITIONS TO INTERVENE GRANTED; SCHEDULES ESTABLISHED

On March 21, 2008, a prehearing conference was held in the above-captioned dockets. The purpose of the conference was to identify parties and interested persons, establish a procedural schedule, and discuss bifurcation of docket UE 197.

Identification of Conference Participants

Appearances were entered by Portland General Electric Company (PGE), the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB), the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU), Fred Meyer Stores and Quality Food Centers, Divisions of Kroger Company (Kroger), the Community Action Partnership of Oregon and the Oregon Energy Coordinators Association (CAPO/OECA), the Public Utility Commission of Oregon Staff (Staff), and the League of Oregon Cities and the City of Portland.

Bifurcation of Docket UE 197

PGE's initial general rate revision filing includes the annual filing required by PGE's annual update tariff (Schedule 125), as well as other proposed changes related to net variable power costs and the annual update process that may only be made in a general rate proceeding. During the conference, the parties agreed to bifurcate docket UE 197 and create a separate docket, now designated as docket UE 198, to address all of the issues related to PGE's net variable power costs. Although PGE's annual update filings are usually limited to updating only those items listed in Schedule 125, docket UE 198 is not so limited. All issues related to PGE's net variable power costs will be addressed in docket UE 198. All other issues related to PGE's general rate revision will be addressed in docket UE 197.

All documents that have been filed in docket UE 197 as of the date of this prehearing conference report are also considered part of the record in docket UE 198. Protective Order No. 08-133, issued in docket UE 197 on February 28, 2008, applies to both dockets. Those persons who submitted signatory pages to the Protective Order on or before March 24, 2008, do not need to re-file in docket UE 198.

Petitions to Intervene

On February 29, 2008, CUB filed its Notice of Intervention pursuant to ORS 774.180 and became a party to the proceedings in both UE 197 and UE 198. ICNU filed a Petition to Intervene on February 29, 2008. The time for objecting to the petition has passed, and no objections to the petition were received. We find that ICNU has sufficient interest in the proceeding and that its appearance and participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding. *See* OAR 860-012-0001. ICNU's Petition to Intervene is granted.

CAPO/OECA filed a Petition to Intervene on March 19, 2008, and Kroger filed a Petition to Intervene the same date. We find that CAPO/OECA and Kroger have sufficient interest in the proceedings and that their appearance and participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceedings. *See* OAR 860-012-0001. The petitions are conditionally granted. Any person wishing to contest the petitions may do so within 10 days' of service of the petitions. If no person contests the petitions, the decision to grant the petitions will be final.

By granting the petitions to intervene of ICNU, CAPO/OECA, and Kroger, we are granting these entities party status in both docket UE 197 and docket UE 198.

After the date of this prehearing conference report, any person wishing to participate as a party in one or more of these dockets must file separate petitions to intervene in each docket in which they wish to participate.

Procedural Schedules

The parties proposed, and we adopted, the following procedural schedules:

UE 197	
Petitions to Intervene due	May 12, 2008
Staff and Intervenors Circulate Settlement Proposals	May 23, 2008
Proposed Budgets for Intervenor Funding due	May 29, 2008
Settlement Conferences ¹	June 5-6, 2008
Staff and Intervenors File Reply Testimony	June 27, 2008
PGE Files Rebuttal Testimony	August 8, 2008
Staff and Intervenors File Surrebuttal Testimony	September 5, 2008
PGE Files Sur-surrebuttal Testimony ²	September 26, 2008
All Parties File Cross-examination Statements	October 1, 2008
Hearing	October 10, 2008 9:30 a.m. Main Hearing Room
Simultaneous Opening Briefs	October 24, 2008
Simultaneous Reply Briefs	November 4, 2008
Oral Argument	November 13, 2008
Commission Decision target date	December 29, 2008
End of Second Tariff Suspension	January 1, 2009

UE 198	
PGE Files MONET Update	April 1, 2008
Petitions to Intervene due	May 12, 2008
Proposed Budgets for Intervenor Funding due	May 29, 2008
Settlement Conference	May 29, 2008
Staff and Intervenors File Reply Testimony	June 13, 2008
Settlement Conference	June 27, 2008
PGE Files Rebuttal Testimony	July 17, 2008
PGE Files MONET Update	September 26, 2008
All Parties File Cross-Examination Statements	October 1, 2008
Hearing	October 10, 2008 9:30 a.m. Main Hearing Room
Commission Decision target date	October 17, 2008
PGE Files MONET Update	November 3, 2008
PGE Files Final MONET Update	November 14, 2008

¹ Staff will provide notice to the parties of settlement conference times and locations.

² After September 26, 2008, parties must respond to data requests within five business days of receipt, and data requests must be limited to information contained in PGE's sur-surrebuttal testimony.

Because confidential information is not sent electronically, the parties agreed to make their best efforts to deliver confidential information submitted in testimony or briefs to the other parties on the date due.

The schedule for public comment hearings in docket UE 197 will be established at a later date.

Dated this 24th day of March, 2008, at Salem, Oregon.

Allan J. Arlow
Administrative Law Judge

Sarah K. Wallace
Administrative Law Judge