

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 196

In the Matter of)	
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PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC)	NOTICE OF
COMPANY)	EX PARTE
)	COMMUNICATION
Application to Amortize the Boardman Deferral.)	

On April 15 or 16, 2008, Commission Chairman Lee Beyer attended a meeting of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) Board of Directors. During a break, Chairman Beyer engaged in an informal conversation with Larry Weiss, the General Manager of Turlock Irrigation District (TID) and a fellow WECC board member. TID is a part owner of the Boardman coal plant primarily owned and operated by Portland General Electric Company (PGE).

While Chairman Beyer and Mr. Weiss were discussing the challenges of climate change and the movement to a carbon constrained world, Mr. Weiss mentioned that TID and other minority-owners of the Boardman plant were in settlement discussions with PGE on payment for the 2006/07 outage. Chairman Beyer's impression was that Mr. Weiss believed PGE's improper maintenance of the plant had been a contributing factor in the plant's first outage. Mr. Weiss mentioned an internal analysis, but did not identify the report or provide any specific details as to its findings.

Mr. Weiss's comments constitute an *ex parte* communication in this proceeding under OAR 860-012-0015. Accordingly, I am providing notice of it to all parties to docket UE 196. Moreover, a copy of this notice will be made part of the official record in this proceeding. Parties have the right to rebut the communication within 10 days of this notice, with service to all parties of record.

Michael Grant
Chief Administrative Law Judge