

**RESOLUTION No. 36775**

Authorize the City Attorney to intervene on behalf of the City of Portland in Oregon Public Utility Commission rate case UE 215 (Resolution).

WHEREAS, Portland General Electric, (“PGE”), has filed a General Rate Case Filing with the Oregon Public Utility Commission (“OPUC”) to increase customer rates by 7.4 percent overall to recover \$125 million of additional revenue. *In the Matter of the Revised Tariff Schedules for Electric Service in Oregon filed by PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY*, Oregon Public Utility Commission UE 215; and

WHEREAS, PGE’s general rate filing requests an overall increase of 7.4%, effective January 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, by customer group the proposed increases are 8.8% for residential, 8.7% for small business, 5.6% for large business and 2% for street lighting; and

WHEREAS, increases in PGE’s rates would have significant economic impacts upon Portland electricity customers, including the City’s agencies and bureaus; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland has broad authority under its home rule charter to oversee the activities of utilities within its boundaries, including through the establishment of franchises and the issuance of permits, and is also responsible for the orderly management of public rights-of-way within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland as an electricity customer with over 870 accounts and annual utility billings of approximately \$14 million, has an interest in the future effects of changing utility rates; and

WHEREAS, six Bureaus – the Office of Transportation, Water Works; Environmental Services, Parks and Recreation, Management and Finance and Planning and Sustainability have a desire to manage electricity costs; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Bureau of Transportation, Water Works, Environmental Services, Planning and Sustainability and the City Attorney’s Office have in the past actively participated in electric utility restructuring discussions, statewide energy policy matters and electric rate issues for the benefit of residents and businesses as well as city-owned facilities; and

WHEREAS, participation by the City as a party in this OPUC filing would permit the City to: (1) obtain important information regarding PGE’s proposed rates, services and other matters not otherwise readily available; (2) be informed of other parties’ actions and comments in this proceeding; and (3) influence the outcome of the proceeding for the benefit of the citizens of Portland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Portland, that the City Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to intervene on behalf of the City as a full party in Oregon Public Utility Commission proceeding UE 215 to present the City's views and protect its interests as necessary.

Adopted by the Council: APR 07 2010

Commissioner Mayor Sam Adams

Prepared by: B. Walters

Date Prepared: March 31, 2010

**LaVonne Griffin-Valade**

Auditor of the City of Portland

By



Deputy

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<p><b>INTRODUCED BY</b>                  Commissioner/Auditor:  <i>Mayor Adams</i></p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>APR 02 2010</u></p>
<p><b>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</b></p> <p>Mayor—Finance and Administration - <i>Adams</i></p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz</p> <p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p> <p>Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman</p> <p>Position 4/Safety - Leonard</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LaVonne Griffin-Valade                  Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By: <u><i>[Signature]</i></u>                  Deputy</p>
<p><b>BUREAU APPROVAL</b></p> <p>Bureau: City Attorney                  Bureau Head: <i>Linda Meng</i></p> <p>Prepared by: B. Walters                  Date Prepared: 3.31.10</p> <p>Financial Impact Statement                  Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/>                  Not Required <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Portland Policy Document                  If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document.                  Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Council Meeting Date  <i>4-7-10</i></p>	<p><b>ACTION TAKEN:</b></p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>City Attorney Approval</b>  <i>Benjamin Walters</i></p>	

<b>AGENDA</b>
<p><b>TIME CERTAIN</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Start time: _____</p> <p>Total amount of time needed: _____                  (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>
<p><b>CONSENT</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>REGULAR</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Total amount of time needed: _____                  (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
	YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	✓	
3. Saltzman	✓	
4. Leonard	✓	
Adams	_____	_____