

RESOLUTION No. 37061

Authorize the City Attorney to intervene on behalf of the City of Portland in Portland General Electric rate case (Resolution)

WHEREAS, Portland General Electric, (“PGE”), has filed a Request for a general rate revision with the Oregon Public Utility Commission (“OPUC”) to increase customer rates by \$98 million annually, *In the Matter of PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, A Request for General Rate Revision*, OPUC UE 283; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rate increases would average 4.6 percent, after certain short term billing credits; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the proposed rate increase is related to the construction to two electricity generation facilities: Port Westward 2, a natural gas plant near Clatskanie, Oregon; and the Tucannon River Wind Farm near Dayton, Washington;

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 900 accounts and annual utility billings of approximately \$14 million, has an interest in the future effects of changing utility rates; and

WHEREAS, seven city bureaus – including Transportation, Water Works, Environmental Services, Parks and Recreation, Management and Finance, Fire and Rescue and Planning and Sustainability - have previously engaged in actively seeking to manage electricity costs; and

WHEREAS, Transportation, Water , Environmental Services, Planning and Sustainability and the City Attorney’s Office have actively participated in past 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, by participating in PGE’s most rate case, UE 262, the City achieved reductions in proposed rate increases of approximately \$280,000 annually; 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 to non-participants; (2) be informed of other parties’ actions and comments in this proceeding; and (3) potentially 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 the Portland General Electric rate filing, OPUC UE 283, to represent the City's views and protect its interests as necessary.

Adopted by the Council: MAR 19 2014

Commissioner Mayor Charlie Hales

Prepared by: D. Tooze

Date Prepared: February 21, 2014

LaVonne Griffin-Valade

Auditor of the City of Portland

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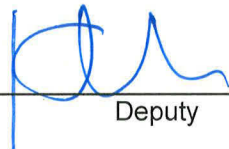
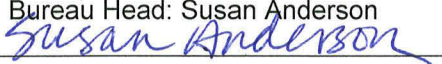



Deputy

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INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Charlie Hales	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>MAR 14 2014</u>
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL Mayor—Finance and Administration - Hales Position 1/Utilities - Fritz Position 2/Works - Fish Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman Position 4/Safety - Novick	LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland By:  Deputy ACTION TAKEN:
BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau: Planning and Sustainability Bureau Head: Susan Anderson  Prepared by: David Tooze Date Prepared: 02-24-2014	
Financial Impact & Public Involvement Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/>	
Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Council Meeting Date March 19, 2014	
City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan 	

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

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2. Fish	2. Fish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4. Novick	4. Novick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Hales	Hales	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	