

RESOLUTION No. 37005

Authorize the City Attorney to intervene on behalf of the City of Portland in Oregon Public Utility Commission rate case UE 262 (Resolution)

WHEREAS, Portland General Electric, ("PGE"), has filed a General Rate Case Filing with the Oregon Public Utility Commission ("OPUC") to increase customer rates to recover \$104 million of additional revenue, *In the Matter of PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, A Request for General Rate Revision*, before the Oregon Public Utility Commission UE 262; and

WHEREAS, by customer group the proposed increases are 8.7% for residential, 10.7% for small business, 5.3% for large business and 6.3% 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 900 accounts and annual utility billings of approximately \$13.5 million, has an interest in the future effects of changing utility rates; and

WHEREAS, six Bureaus – the Bureau 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 actively participated in past electric utility restructuring discussions, statewide energy policy matters, rate cases 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) 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 Oregon Public Utility Commission proceeding UE 262 to present the City's views and protect its interests as necessary.

Adopted by the Council: **MAR 27 2013**

Commissioner Mayor Charlie Hales
Prepared by: D. Tooze
Date Prepared: February 28, 2013

LaVonne Griffin-Valade
Auditor of the City of Portland

By 
Deputy

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<p>INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Charlie Hales</p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>MAR 22 2013</u></p>
<p>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</p> <p>Mayor—Finance and Administration - Hales <i>JAA</i></p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz</p> <p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p> <p>Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman</p> <p>Position 4/Safety - Novick</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By: <i>[Signature]</i> Deputy</p>
<p>BUREAU APPROVAL</p> <p>Bureau: Planning and Sustainability Bureau Head: Susan Anderson <i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>Prepared by: Susan Anderson Date Prepared: 03/08/2013</p>	<p>ACTION TAKEN:</p>
<p>Financial Impact & Public Involvement Statement</p> <p>Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <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 March 27, 2013</p>	
<p>City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan</p>	

AGENDA
<p>TIME CERTAIN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Start time: _____</p> <p>Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>
<p>CONSENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>REGULAR <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	1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	2. Fish	✓	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	✓	
4. Novick	4. Novick	✓	
Hales	Hales	✓	