

Portland, Oregon  
**FINANCIAL IMPACT and PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT STATEMENT**  
**For Council Action Items**

(Deliver original to City Budget Office. Retain copy.)

1. Name of Initiator David Tooze		2. Telephone No. 503-823-7582	3. Bureau/Office/Dept. Planning and Sustainability
4a. To be filed (hearing date):  March 27, 2013	4b. Calendar (Check One)  Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5ths <input type="checkbox"/>		5. Date Submitted to Commissioner's office and CBO Budget Analyst: March 13, 2013
6a. Financial Impact Section: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial impact section completed		6b. Public Involvement Section: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public involvement section completed	

**1) Legislation Title:**

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

**2) Purpose of the Proposed Legislation:**

Intervene in proceeding of Oregon Public Utility Commission to present and protect the City's interests in addressing energy efficiency questions related to choosing electricity or natural gas fuels, switching gas or electricity fuel and the influence of Energy Trust of Oregon incentives for choosing one fuel over the other.

**3) Which area(s) of the city are affected by this Council item? (Check all that apply—areas are based on formal neighborhood coalition boundaries)?**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City-wide/Regional | <input type="checkbox"/> Northeast | <input type="checkbox"/> Northwest | <input type="checkbox"/> North |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Northeast             | <input type="checkbox"/> Southeast | <input type="checkbox"/> Southwest | <input type="checkbox"/> East  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central City                  |                                    |                                    |                                |

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**4) Revenue:** Will this legislation generate or reduce current or future revenue coming to the City? If so, by how much? If so, please identify the source.

PGE's General Rate Case UE262 does alter the way Franchise Fees are collected from Electricity Service Suppliers. The City Revenue Bureau is engaged in this topic and will participate as an intervening party.

**5) Expense:** What are the costs to the City as a result of this legislation? What is the source of funding for the expense? (Please include costs in the current fiscal year as well as costs in future year, including Operations & Maintenance (O&M) costs, if known, and estimates, if not known. If the action is related to a grant or contract please include the local contribution or

*match required. If there is a project estimate, please identify the level of confidence.)*

The City is not required to commit any additional funding; however the stakeholder bureaus (Transportation, Water, BES, Revenue and BPS) anticipate hiring a consulting firm to assist the city with electricity rate/charges analysis and to develop formal testimony before the OPUC. At present we estimate the consultant cost at \$40,000, but this could vary depending on the issues that are uncovered and the level of our participation in the Rate Case. Some city staff will be required to represent the city's interests

**6) Staffing Requirements:**

- **Will any positions be created, eliminated or re-classified in the current year as a result of this legislation?** *(If new positions are created please include whether they will be part-time, full-time, limited term, or permanent positions. If the position is limited term please indicate the end of the term.)*

None.

- **Will positions be created or eliminated in future years as a result of this legislation?**

None.

*(Complete the following section only if an amendment to the budget is proposed.)*

**7) Change in Appropriations** *(If the accompanying ordinance amends the budget please reflect the dollar amount to be appropriated by this legislation. Include the appropriate cost elements that are to be loaded by accounting. Indicate "new" in Fund Center column if new center needs to be created. Use additional space if needed.)*

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount

**[Proceed to Public Involvement Section — REQUIRED as of July 1, 2011]**

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

**8) Was public involvement included in the development of this Council item (e.g. ordinance, resolution, or report)? Please check the appropriate box below:**

☐ **YES:** Please proceed to Question #9.

xx☒ **NO:** Please, explain why below; and proceed to Question #10.

The City routinely intervenes in proceedings of the Public Utility Commission to represent the City's interests regarding issues related to energy and utilities.

**9) If "YES," please answer the following questions:**

**a) What impacts are anticipated in the community from this proposed Council item?**

**b) Which community and business groups, under-represented groups, organizations, external government entities, and other interested parties were involved in this effort, and when and how were they involved?**

**c) How did public involvement shape the outcome of this Council item?**

**d) Who designed and implemented the public involvement related to this Council item?**

**e) Primary contact for more information on this public involvement process (name, title, phone, email):**

**10) Is any future public involvement anticipated or necessary for this Council item? Please describe why or why not.**

The City authorizes intervention in PUC matters at public City Council meetings and will continue to do so as necessary.


Susan Anderson/Michael Armstrong

APPROPRIATION UNIT HEAD (Typed name and signature)



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## Council Transmittal Memo

DATE: March 12, 2013  
TO: Mayor Charles Hales and Members of City Council  
FROM: Susan Anderson, Director 

### 1. Resolution:

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2. Contact: David Tooze, Senior Energy Specialist, 503-823-7582

3. Council Date: March 27, 2013

4. ☒ Consent Agenda Item ☐ Regular Agenda Item  
☐ Emergency Item (explain below) ☐ Non-Emergency Item

### 5. Purpose of Agenda Item:

Intervene in proceeding of Oregon Public Utility Commission to present and protect the City's interests in addressing PGE's recent filing for rate increases. The city's list of issues include how demand charges are derived and analysis of charges related to street lighting. Also the city Revenue Office has an interest in collection of utility franchise fees.

### 6. History of Agenda Item/Background:

The City of Portland's Climate Action Plan establishes short- and long-term goals for carbon reduction which are influenced by the carbon emissions from generating electricity and use of natural gas. Portland has historically participated in PGE's general rate case and in other PUC dockets when our interests are affected. Participation of in this PUC proceedings allows the city to 1) obtain information regarding gas and electric fuel efficiency and other matters not readily available; 2) hear other parties' actions and comments in proceedings; and 3) influence outcomes of proceedings for the benefit of Portland bureaus. The Bureaus engaged in this rate case include Transportation, Environmental Services, Water, Revenue, Planning and Sustainability and the City Attorney. OMF Facilities and Parks may also have interests.

7. What individuals or groups are or would be supportive or opposed to this action?  
Public utilities; energy providers; alternative energy advocates; ratepayer advocates.

### 8. How does this relate to current City policies?

City of Portland 2009 Climate Action Plan establishes goals for reducing carbon emissions generated by utilities. The City has Charter authority to oversee activities of utilities.



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