

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT**

**PUBLIC MEETING DATE: December 18, 2001**

**REGULAR** \_\_\_\_\_ **CONSENT**  X  **EFFECTIVE DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** December 11, 2001

**TO:** Phil Nyegaard through Lee Sparling and Jack Breen III

**FROM:** Rebecca Hathorn

**SUBJECT:** PORTFOLIO ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Nomination to the Portfolio Advisory Committee for representation of Small Nonresidential Consumers.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Commission appoint John DeGroat to the Portfolio Advisory Committee to represent small nonresidential consumers.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Portfolio Advisory Committee (PAC) established pursuant to OAR 860-038-0220, is a committee that recommends portfolio options to the Commission. It consists of representatives from Commission Staff, the Office of Energy, local governments, electric companies, residential consumers, public/regional interest groups, and small nonresidential consumers.

On October 8, 2001, PUC Staff sent a letter to the SB 1149 Service List notifying interested parties of a vacancy on the Portfolio Advisory Committee and seeking nominations. The vacancy is for a representative of small nonresidential consumers (currently defined as less than or equal to 30 kW of demand).

Staff received two nominations. Senator Gene Derfler nominated John DeGroat, a small business owner in Oregon. The Building Owners and Managers Association of Portland (BOMA) nominated Ann Fisher, an attorney who has represented BOMA before the Commission in the past. Staff considered both nominations.

BOMA represents large business owners and managers. According to the respondents to a survey of BOMA's members, the majority of the respondents manage or own

buildings in excess of 300,000 square feet. This would indicate a very large consumer well in excess of 30kW of demand.

Mr. DeGroat has been a small business owner for 30 years. He opened the first Learning Tree Day School Center (Center) in 1971 and is currently a consultant to the Centers as well as affiliate schools.

It is Staff's opinion that Mr. DeGroat would be a more appropriate choice as a member of the PAC since his business and his clients' businesses would more likely use less than 30kW of demand than a member business of BOMA. It is for this reason that Staff puts forth John DeGroat as the newest member of the PAC.

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

John DeGroat be appointed to the Portfolio Advisory Committee to represent the interests of small nonresidential consumers.