



Each year, the fee level is set based on gross operating revenues of utilities for the previous calendar year. To ensure adequate funding for the Oregon Public Utility Commission, the fee level should remain at 2.5 mills for collection year 2005 for natural gas, water, and wastewater utilities.

Fee Collection on Electric Utilities:

In addition, pursuant to OAR 860-021-0033, Annual Fees Payable to the Commission by an Electric Utility, each regulated electric utility shall pay a calculated fee derived from a rate applied to kilowatt-hours delivered to retail electric customers during 2004. The calculated average fee rate for the electric utilities this collection year is 0.1753 mills per kWh. This rate is adjusted by company-specific ratios to determine each utility's fee rate.

The rates for electric utilities for collection year 2005 should be set at 0.1734 for Portland General Electric Company, 0.1799 for PacifiCorp, and 0.1257 for Idaho Power Company. The average fee payable for each electric company shall not exceed eighteen-hundredths of one mill per kilowatt-hour.

**Collection Year 2005**

**Estimated Fee Collection**

Natural Gas (@2.5 mills)	\$ 1,995,474
Water & Wastewater (@2.5 mills)	24,567
Electric Utility Fee <sup>1</sup>	5,661,231
<i>Telecommunications</i>	\$ 2,990,200

(Fee level set at 2.5 mills at October 5, 2004 Public Meeting)

**Total Estimated Fee Collection** **\$10,671,471**

**Additional Estimated Revenues** **\$508,216**

(from RSPF, Misc., and Federal Gas Pipeline)

**Total Collections for April, 2005** **\$11,179,687**

**Estimated Expenditures for Utility Regulation** **\$11,480,000**

April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006

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<sup>1</sup> In addition, the OPUC receives amounts from public purpose funds collected by PGE and PacifiCorp to cover administrative costs, per ORS 757.612(3)(c) and OAR 860-038-0480(16). In 2004, the PUC received \$24,332. Approximately 35 percent of one analyst's time was dedicated to public purpose and Energy Trust of Oregon issues.

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

The Commission issue an order setting the annual fee assessment rate at 2.5 mills for collection year 2005 for natural gas, water, and wastewater utilities. In addition, the order should set the electric utility fee, applied to kilowatt-hours delivered to retail electric customers in 2004, at 0.1734 mills for Portland General Electric Company, 0.1799 mills for PacifiCorp, and 0.1257 mills for Idaho Power Company.