

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: November 21, 2006**

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DATE: November 10, 2006

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Lisa Schwartz

THROUGH: Lee Sparling, Ed Busch and Bonnie Tatom

SUBJECT: PORTFOLIO OPTIONS COMMITTEE: Nominations for committee members for the November 2006 to October 2008 term.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission appoint the following individuals to serve on the Portfolio Options Committee for the November 2006 to October 2008 term:

- To represent Oregon Public Utility Commission (Commission) staff:
Lisa Schwartz
- To represent the Oregon Department of Energy:
Justin Klure
- To represent the electric companies:
Laura Beane, Pacific Power
Doug Kuns, Portland General Electric (PGE)
- To represent residential customers:
Jason Eisdorfer, Citizens' Utility Board
David Philbrick, PGE customer
Roger Rees, Oregon HEAT
- To represent small nonresidential customers:
Matt Wingard, consultant
Chris Fisher, CFC Industries
- To represent local governments:
David Tooze, City of Portland
Gary Thompson, Sherman County
- To represent public/regional interest groups:
Natalie McIntire, Renewable Northwest Project
Jeff Bissonnette, Fair and Clean Energy Coalition

Staff recommends that the following individuals be appointed as proxies for committee members:

- Maury Galbraith for Lisa Schwartz, Commission staff
- Melissa Seymour for Laura Beane, Pacific Power
- Marc Cody for Doug Kuns, PGE
- Phil Carver for Justin Klure, Oregon Department of Energy
- Lowrey Brown for Jason Eisdorfer, residential consumer representative
- Jesse Jenkins for Natalie McIntire, public/regional interest group representative
- Michael Armstrong for David Tooze, public/regional interest group representative

DISCUSSION:

The Portfolio Options Committee recommends electric portfolio product and pricing options to the Commission pursuant to OAR 860-038-0220. OAR 860-038-0005(2) specifies that the committee be composed of representatives of the Commission staff, Oregon Department of Energy, the electric companies, residential and small nonresidential customers, local governments, and public or regional interest groups.

The rules do not specify the number of representatives from each category that may serve on the committee. However, Commission staff has tried to maintain two representatives each for residential customers, small nonresidential customers, public/regional interest groups and local governments, in addition to one representative from each of the utilities, Commission staff, and the Oregon Department of Energy. The list of committee members for the November 2004 to October 2006 term is included in Attachment A.

Nomination Process

Staff issued a public notice on October 24, 2006, soliciting nominations for individuals to serve on the committee. The Commission also called for nominations in a media release that same date. See Attachments A and B.

The following nominations were received: Staff plans to have Lisa Schwartz remain on the committee. The Oregon Department of Energy nominated Justin Klure to continue as its representative. Pacific Power plans to have Laura Beane continue as its representative, and PGE intends to have Doug Kuns continue as its representative. Jason Eisdorfer, David Tooze, Gary Thompson, Natalie McIntire, and Jeff Bissonnette nominated themselves to continue serving on the committee. David Philbrick and Roger Rees nominated themselves to begin service as residential customer representatives.

Chris Fisher nominated himself to serve as a small nonresidential customer representative. Representative Jerry Krummel nominated Matt Wingard to serve on the committee as a customer or public interest group representative.

Criteria for Selecting Committee Members

At the committee's meeting on August 12, 2004, committee chair Jeff Bissonette suggested that the Commission appoint individuals who:

- Commit to regularly attend committee meetings and actively participate in discussions between meetings
- Commit to review and comment on the utilities' and marketers' plans and materials for consumer education and outreach
- Have a demonstrated interest in utility, energy or consumer issues
- Have demonstrated experience with service on public bodies or community boards of directors
- Be willing to actively engage in discussions involving technical, policy and implementation issues
- Have a basic familiarity with Oregon's energy policy and electric industry restructuring issues

Other committee members suggested that the Commission consider how new appointments could diversify the committee's perspective by representing other parts of the state served by the utilities, including rural areas, and bringing different technical backgrounds. Staff suggested the Commission also consider nominees familiar with time-of-use and other market-based pricing options.

Customer, Local Government, and Public Interest Representatives

Staff received the following nominations:

Residential Customers

Jason Eisdorfer has represented residential customers on the committee since its inception. Mr. Eisdorfer is Energy Program director and legal counsel for the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon, representing residential customers of the state's investor-owned utilities. He was deeply involved in development of the state's electric industry restructuring policies and is an active participant in Commission proceedings affecting residential customers.

David Philbrick has been a PGE customer for the past 30 years. Dr. Philbrick was with the Oregon Department of Energy from 1976 to 1983, working as an environmental

specialist and head of the renewable resources division. He then served as director of the Oregon State University Extension Energy Program until 2001. After that, until retiring from the university in 2004, he led the Extension Family and Community Development Program. Dr. Philbrick returned to the Energy Department during the first half of 2005 working part-time answering consumer calls and assisting with programs to advance energy-efficient home construction.

Roger Rees is executive director of Oregon HEAT, a nonprofit organization that provides emergency energy assistance to households in crisis. Oregon HEAT partners with utilities and community agencies throughout the state to provide energy assistance and advocate access to energy resources for low-income households. In addition to his work on behalf of residential customers of utilities, Mr. Rees also has substantial business experience as chief executive officer (CEO) of two Oregon corporations. In addition, he has served as chief fiscal officer of an international public corporation and a private interstate corporation. Mr. Rees currently serves as a voting or affiliate member to the Advisory Committee on Energy, Community Action Directors of Oregon, Fair and Clean Energy Coalition, League of Utilities and Social Service Agencies, National Fuel Funds Network, the Northwest Energy Coalition, and the Lents Urban Renewal & Advisory Committee.

Small Nonresidential Customers

Chris Fisher is with CFC Industries, a computer consulting company in Medford involved in designing and installing computer network systems. CFC Industries is a Pacific Power customer. Mr. Fisher is a Rotary member with a long-time interest in renewable energy resources.

Matt Wingard is a public relations and public policy consultant. His energy-related experience includes serving as executive director of Oregonians for Jobs and Power, a coalition of businesses, associations and elected officials opposed to the condemnation of PGE; coordinating the Northwest Energy Summit, a symposium on long-term energy options and technologies of the future; and serving as president of the Hanford Information Network, a grassroots organization focused on improving public understanding of Hanford's history and supporting its environmental cleanup. Mr. Wingard has served as committee administrator for the Oregon House Committee on Government Efficiency and a field representative for U.S. Congressman Hastings. Mr. Wingard is a PGE customer.

Staff recommends appointment of all these individuals to the committee.

In the past, the Commission has sought to maintain two representatives each for residential and small nonresidential customers. Staff recommends the Commission

approve three nominees to represent residential and the two nominees to represent small nonresidential customers because of the outstanding nominations staff received.

Commission, Energy Department, and Utility Representatives

Staff recommends appointment of the following nominees for the other categories:

Oregon Public Utility Commission Staff

Lisa Schwartz has served on the committee since its inception, initially representing the Oregon Department of Energy and serving as the committee's chair. A senior analyst, she has represented Commission staff on the committee since August 2003.

Oregon Department of Energy

Justin Klure has served as the department's member on the committee for the past several years. He is a senior analyst in the Renewable Energy division.

Electric Companies

Laura Beane has served on the committee since 2003. Ms. Beane is the company's regulatory manager for Oregon. **Doug Kuns** has represented PGE on the committee since November 2003. Mr. Kuns is Manager of Pricing and Tariffs.

Local Governments

David Tooze has represented local governments on the committee since its inception. Mr. Tooze is energy manager of the City of Portland's Office of Sustainable Development. Among his projects is supporting the city's efforts to get all of its electricity from new renewable resources by 2010.

Gary Thompson has served on the committee since 2004. A Sherman County Commissioner and farmer, he has worked on renewable energy issues with Wy-East Resource Conservation & Development, the Association of Oregon Counties, Eastern Oregon Alliance, and the Governor's Renewable Energy Working Group. Mr. Thompson helped initiate Sherman County's proposal for a locally owned wind project. He brings to the committee both an Eastern Oregon and county government perspective.

Public/Regional Interest Groups

Natalie McIntire is a senior policy associate with the Renewable Northwest Project. An engineer, Ms. McIntire works on green power, resource planning, and transmission issues. The Commission appointed Ms. McIntire to the committee in April 2003.

Jeff Bissonnette has been a committee member since 2002 and has served as the committee's chair. Mr. Bissonnette is the organizing director of the Fair and Clean Energy Coalition and is a Citizens' Utility Board employee.

Recommendations for Proxies

At its public meeting on July 12, 2005, the Commission adopted the committee's recommendation for an operational policy related to proxies for committee members. The policy states in part, "A Portfolio Options Committee member may name a proxy for approval by the Commission. A 'named' proxy will be allowed to vote on behalf of a Committee member in that member's absence." Staff recommends the Commission approve the following proxies named by proposed committee members:

Maury Galbraith is a senior economist at the Commission, where he has worked since 2000. His primary responsibility is to provide expert analysis of issues related to power supply in the regulation of electric utility rates. He serves as staff lead on resource planning and acquisition issues. Mr. Galbraith has served as Ms. Schwartz's proxy on the committee since July 2006.

Melissa Seymour is the Washington regulatory affairs manager for Pacific Power. Ms. Seymour has worked for the company since 2001. Prior to joining the regulation department in 2005, she was responsible for managing the company's Integrated Resource Plan. She has served as Ms. Beane's proxy on the committee since July 2006.

Marc Cody is a senior analyst in PGE's Rates and Regulatory Affairs group. An economist, Mr. Cody has worked at PGE since 1996 and has served as a witness in various Commission dockets. He has served as Mr. Kuns' proxy since July 2005.

Phil Carver is a senior policy analyst at the Oregon Department of Energy. His responsibilities include developing energy policies and plans, providing technical analysis, and testifying in state and federal proceedings. Dr. Carver has served as Mr. Klure's proxy since July 2005.

Lowrey Brown is a utility analyst at Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon, where her responsibilities include preparing testimony and participating in settlement discussions for Commission proceedings. She has served as Mr. Eisdorfer's proxy since July 2005.

Michael Armstrong is the city of Portland's lead policy architect on global warming and energy efficiency issues. Mr. Tooze recommends the Commission appoint Mr. Armstrong as his proxy.

Jesse Jenkins is a research associate at Renewable Northwest Project. Ms. McIntire recommends the Commission appoint Mr. Jenkins to serve as her proxy.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

The following individuals be appointed to the Portfolio Options Committee for the November 2006 to October 2008 term: Lisa Schwartz to represent Commission staff; Justin Klure to represent the Oregon Department of Energy; Laura Beane and Doug Kuns to represent the electric companies; Jason Eisdorfer, David Philbrick, and Roger Rees to represent residential customers; Chris Fisher and Matt Wingard to represent small nonresidential customers; David Tooze and Gary Thompson to represent local governments; and Natalie McIntire and Jeff Bissonnette to represent public/regional interest groups.

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Attachments A & B

October 24, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMISSION SEEKS MEMBERS FOR ENERGY OPTIONS COMMITTEE

The Oregon Public Utility Commission is seeking nominations for individuals to serve on its Portfolio Options Committee from November 2006 to October 2008. The committee makes recommendations to the Commission about the portfolio of energy options offered to the 1.3 million Oregon residential and small business customers of Portland General Electric (PGE) and Pacific Power.

Specifically, the Commission is seeking nominations for:

- two local government representatives,
- two residential customer representatives,
- two small nonresidential customer representatives, and
- two public or regional interest group representatives.

In addition to a basic service (cost of service) option, these customers have a choice of three renewable resource options and a time of use rate.

The committee must include representatives from the Commission's staff, the Oregon Department of Energy (Energy), local governments, electric companies, public and regional interest groups, and eligible customer groups. Except for Commission staff, Energy, PGE and Pacific Power, group affiliations are *not* limited to the organizations currently represented on the committee. Residential and small nonresidential customer representatives need not be affiliated with any organization.

Please provide your nominee's name, address, phone number, e-mail address and a brief description of qualifications by November 6, 2006, to lisa.c.schwartz@state.or.us or the following address:

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Additional information is attached. Direct questions to Lisa Schwartz at 503-373-8718 or lisa.c.schwartz@state.or.us.

Current committee members

<u>No.</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Current Member</u>	<u>Group Affiliation of Current Committee Member</u>
One	Commission staff	Lisa Schwartz	Public Utility Commission Staff
One	Oregon Department of Energy	Justin Klure	Oregon Department of Energy
Two	Local governments	Dave Tooze Gary Thompson	City of Portland Sherman County
Two	Electric companies	Doug Kuns Laura Beane	Portland General Electric Pacific Power
Two	Residential customers	Jason Eisdorfer Cindy Olmstead	Citizens' Utility Board None
Two	Public/regional interest groups	Natalie McIntire Jeff Bissonnette	Renewable Northwest Project Fair and Clean Energy Coalition
Two	Small nonresidential customers	Anthony Roy Lowell Gibson	None None

For more information on portfolio options

Portland General Electric

http://www.portlandgeneral.com/home/products/power_options/default.asp?bhcp=1

(residential customers)

http://www.portlandgeneral.com/business/products/power_options/Default.asp?bhcp=1

(small business customers)

Pacific Power

<http://www.pacificpower.net/Navigation/Navigation1845.html>

See Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 860-038-0005(2) and OAR 860-038-0220 for rules governing the Portfolio Options Committee:

http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/rules/OARS_800/OAR_860/860_038.html.

NEWS

Lee Beyer, Chairman

John Savage, Commissioner

Ray Baum, Commissioner

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Commission Seeks Members for Energy Options Committee

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Salem, OR –The Oregon Public Utility Commission is seeking nominations for individuals to serve on its Portfolio Options Committee. The committee makes recommendations to the Commission about energy options offered to the 1.3 million residential and small business customers of Portland General Electric (PGE) and Pacific Power in Oregon.

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- two public or regional interest group representatives,
- two residential customer representatives, and
- two small business customer representatives.

Customer representatives need not be affiliated with any organization. The committee also includes representatives from the Commission staff, the Oregon Department of Energy, and the electric companies. The term extends from November 2006 to October 2008. For more information, visit the Commission's Web site:

http://www.puc.state.or.us/PUC/electric_restruc/indices/pac.shtml

Attachment B
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Please provide your nominee's name, address, phone number, e-mail address and a brief description of qualifications by November 6, 2006. Nominations can be e-mailed to lisa.c.schwartz@state.or.us or sent to:

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