

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: December 9, 2008**

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DATE: December 1, 2008

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Lori Koho

THROUGH: Lee Sparling, Ed Busch and Bonnie Tatom

SUBJECT: PORTFOLIO OPTIONS COMMITTEE: Nominations for committee members for the November 2008 to October 2010 term.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission appoint the following individuals to serve on the Portfolio Options Committee for the November 2008 to October 2010 term:

- To represent Oregon Public Utility Commission (Commission) staff:
Lori Koho
- To represent the Oregon Department of Energy:
Robin Straughan
- To represent the electric companies:
Joelle Steward, Pacific Power
Doug Kuns, Portland General Electric (PGE)
- To represent NW Natural:
Jennifer Gross
- To represent residential customers:
Jeff Bissonnette, Citizens' Utility Board
David Philbrick, PGE customer
Roger Rees, Oregon HEAT
- To represent small nonresidential customers:
Janet Steele, CEO Albany Area Chamber of Commerce
Eric Lovell, Uroboros Glass Studios
- To represent local governments:
David Tooze, City of Portland
Gary Thompson, Sherman County
- To represent public/regional interest groups:
Katie Kalinowski, Renewable Northwest Project

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

- Lisa Schwartz for Lori Koho, Commission staff
- Paul Wrigley for Joelle Steward, Pacific Power
- Marc Cody for Doug Kuns, PGE
- Kip Pheil for Robin Straughan, Oregon Department of Energy
- Susanne Leta Liou for Katie Kalinowski, public/regional interest group representative
- Michael Armstrong for David Tooze, public/regional interest group representative

DISCUSSION:

The Portfolio Options Committee (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 2006 to October 2008 term is included in Attachment A.

On May 20, 2008, the Commission directed the Committee to include NW Natural's Smart Energy product in its oversight and review of utility-offered environmental products. NW Natural was allowed representation on the Committee as part of the agreement.

Staff issued a public notice on August 28, 2008, 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.

Nominations

Several of the current members expressed interest in remaining on the Committee and staff received a number of additional nominations. Existing members who were nominated to remain on the Committee are: Lori Koho representing Commission staff, Robin Straughan representing Oregon Department of Energy, Joelle Steward representing Pacific Power, Doug Kuns representing PGE, Jennifer Gross representing NW Natural, David Philbrick, Roger Rees and Jeff Bissonnette representing residential customers, and David Tooze and Gary Thompson as local government representatives. Five nominations were received for the two openings for small nonresidential customer representatives. They were: Janet Steele, CEO of the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce; Eric Lovell, President of Uroboros Glass Studios; Ann Fisher representing Oregon Small Business for Responsible Leadership; Paul Koehler, Vice President of Pacific Ethanol; and Mark Fitz, Sustainable Development Commissioner, Multnomah County/City of Portland. Greg Pelton, and Clinton Fella were nominated to serve as residential customer representatives.

Staff and the Committee are still reviewing potential nominees for the open position representing public/regional interest groups.

Criteria for Selecting Committee Members

The Committee benefits from continuity and staff recommends reappointment of current members who wish to continue. Neither of the previous representatives for small non-residential members are continuing on the Committee and nominees for those positions were considered for the perspectives, strengths and diversity they might bring to the Committee.

Proposed Representatives – Continuing Members

Residential Customers

Jeff Bissonette has been a committee member since 2002 and has served as the committee's chair. Mr. Bissonette is the organizing director of the Citizens' Utility Board. Mr. Bissonette has led the Fair and Clean Energy Coalition to create progressive energy policy for the state of Oregon and has directed CUB's legislative advocacy efforts.

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.

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.

Proposed Representatives – New Members

Non-Residential Customers

Janet Steele has served as President and CEO of the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce since June of 1995. Prior to this position she was Executive Director of the Alliance (NE) Area Chamber of Commerce for five years and a small business owner in Gering, NE for nine years. Ms. Steele is a 1994 graduate of the Institute for Organization Management with the US Chamber, University of Colorado @ Boulder program. She is past president of the Oregon Chamber Executives, the Nebraska Chamber Execs, the Northwest Chamber Leaders Conference and United Way of Linn County. She is a member of the Greater Albany Rotary Club, and serves on the Steering Committee for the Albany Community Leadership Roundtable, the Region 4 Workforce Investment Board and the Linn, Benton, Lincoln Area Commission on Transportation. In 2004 she was honored as Oregon's Chamber Executive of the Year and in the spring of 2006 she was recognized as an Accredited Chamber Executive by the Western Association of Chamber Executives.

Eric Lovell is the Owner, President and Glass Technologist of Uroboros Glass, a manufacturing facility located in the Rose Quarter district in Portland. Uroboros and its 50 employees produce more than 3500 products for glass fusing, stained glass, and technical glass markets worldwide. The company won The Governor's International Marketing Firm of the Year award in 1985, and is well known and highly respected throughout the world of decorative glass. Mr. Lovell has served as a board member of the Oregon Designer-Craftsmen's guild, was two-term President of the International Art Glass Supplier's Association, an association of over 500 industry members, and has been a supporting member of the Oregon Glass Guild.

Proposed Representatives from the Commission, Department of Energy and Utilities

Oregon Public Utility Commission Staff

Lori Koho has served on the committee since 2006. Ms. Koho is a senior analyst, responsible for staff oversight of the Energy Trust of Oregon.

Oregon Department of Energy

Robin Straughan has served as the department's member on the committee for the past year. She is the Renewable Energy Program Coordinator.

Energy Utilities

Joelle Steward has served on the committee since 2007. Ms. Steward 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.

Jennifer Gross has represented NW Natural on the Committee since June 2008. Ms. Gross is a Tariff and Regulatory Compliance consultant for NW Natural.

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

Katie Kalinowski is a policy associate with the Renewable Northwest Project. Ms. Kalinowski works on voluntary green power and carbon offset markets, renewable energy and climate policy, and utility resource planning.

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:

Lisa Schwartz is a senior analyst at the Oregon Public Utility Commission, and 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.

Paul Wrigley is the Director, Regulatory Affairs West at PacifiCorp. He previously represented the electric utilities on the Portfolio Advisory Committee (now the POC) from 2002 -2004.

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.

Kip Pheil is a senior policy analyst at the Oregon Department of Energy. He oversees Renewable Energy Certificate tracking and generating facility certification for the Oregon Renewable Portfolio Standard. Ms. Straughan recommends the Commission appoint Mr. Pheil as her proxy.

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.

Suzanne Leta Liou is a research associate at Renewable Northwest Project. Ms. Liou focuses on project siting, regulatory and legislative issues in Oregon and Idaho, solar energy, and climate change policy. Ms. Kalinowski recommends the Commission appoint Ms. Liou to serve as her proxy.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

The following individuals be appointed to the Portfolio Options Committee for the November 2008 to October 2010 term:

- Lori Koho to represent Commission staff
- Robin Straughan to represent the Oregon Department of Energy
- Doug Kuns and Joelle Steward to represent the electric companies
- Jennifer Gross to represent NW Natural
- Jeff Bissonnette, David Philbrick, and Roger Rees to represent residential customers
- Janet Steele and Eric Lovell to represent small nonresidential customers
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Attachments A & B

August 28, 2008

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 2008 to October 2010. 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 September 17, 2008, to lori.koho@state.or.us or the following address:

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Additional information is attached. Direct questions to Lori Koho at 503-378-6117 or lori.koho@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	Lori Koho	Public Utility Commission Staff
One	Oregon Department of Energy	Robin Straughan	Oregon Department of Energy
Two	Local governments	Dave Tooze Gary Thompson	City of Portland Sherman County
Two	Electric companies	Doug Kuns Joelle Steward	Portland General Electric Pacific Power
One	Natural Gas Co.	Jennifer Gross	Northwest Natural Gas
Two	Residential customers	Roger Rees David Philbrick	Oregon HEAT None
Two	Public/regional interest groups	Katie Kalinowski Jeff Bissonnette	Renewable Northwest Project Fair and Clean Energy Coalition
Two	Small nonresidential customers	Matt Wingard Chris Fisher	Consultant CFC Industries

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 2008 to October 2010. 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 September 17, 2008. Nominations can be e-mailed to lori.koho@state.or.us or sent to:

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