



PGE Issues Draft RFP for Electric Power Generating Resources

Bidder and stakeholder workshops to be held in Portland January 18

PORTLAND, Ore.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Portland General Electric Company (NYSE: POR) today issued a draft of a request for proposals (RFP) that is expected to open for bids in the second quarter of 2012, seeking electric power generating resources to help meet PGE's capacity and energy needs. The draft RFP gives potential bidders an opportunity to review and ask questions about PGE's request in advance of the bidding window.

"We continue to focus on following an open and impartial process to acquire new resources needed to serve our customers," said Jim Lobdell, PGE's vice president for power operations and resource strategy. "This gives potential bidders an additional opportunity to gather the information they need to develop competitive proposals, and it gives us an opportunity to gain important feedback before we finalize our request."

In keeping with guidance issued by the Oregon Public Utility Commission in September 2011 the draft RFP combines a request for resources to meet day-to-day "baseload" power needs with a request for flexible and "peaking" resources to meet periods of high demand and help integrate variable renewable energy resources into PGE's system.

Specifically, the RFP will seek approximately 400 megawatts of baseload resources, approximately 200 megawatts of year-round flexible and peaking resources, and two seasonal peaking resources -- approximately 200 megawatts of bi-seasonal (winter and summer) peaking supply and approximately 150 megawatts of winter-only peaking supply. PGE plans to bring these resources into its portfolio in the 2013-2017 timeframe.

PGE will hold two workshops to help inform interested parties and potential bidders and seek input on the draft RFP. On Jan. 18, 2012 non-bidding stakeholders are invited to attend a workshop from 9:30 a.m. until noon in the World Trade Center Conference Center, 121 SW Salmon Street in Portland, Ore. Later that same day, potential bidders are invited to attend a workshop from 1:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the same location.

PGE will submit a final draft RFP to the Oregon Public Utility Commission following the workshops. The commission will consider formal comments from stakeholders and a recommendation from its staff before ruling on the submitted RFP.

This RFP is conducted pursuant to competitive bidding guidelines established by the OPUC. It is one of two planned RFPs for the addition of new generation resources pursuant to the PGE integrated resource plan acknowledged by the OPUC in November 2010. PGE expects to issue the second RFP, for renewable resources, later this year.

PGE plans to submit self-build "benchmark" proposals in this competitive bidding process for new energy and capacity resources, and will also allow third-party bidders an option to submit proposals to build on PGE-owned sites -- the "Carty" site near PGE's existing Boardman Power Plant for the baseload resource and a site adjacent to PGE's existing Port Westward Plant for the flexible capacity resource. PGE will own and operate any resources developed on PGE's sites.

Accion Group, Inc., an independent evaluator hired by the OPUC, will assist in conducting the RFPs and reviewing bids to assure an open and impartial process. The independent evaluator will also provide an assessment of the bid scoring, including PGE's benchmark proposals, and short list selection resulting from the RFPs. The IE will then issue a closing report with a detailed assessment of the process and its results.

Further information on the RFPs, the workshops and the competitive bidding process is available online at PortlandGeneralRFP.accionpower.com.

About Portland General Electric Company

Portland General Electric, headquartered in Portland, Ore., is a vertically-integrated electric utility that serves more than 825,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in Oregon. Visit our Web site at www.PortlandGeneral.com.

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