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March 31, 2011

To our shareholders:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are pleased to invite you to Portland General Electric Company s 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at the Conference Center Auditorium located at Two World Trade Center, 25 SW Salmon Street, Portland, Oregon.

Details of the business we plan to conduct at the meeting are included in the attached Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders and proxy statement. Only holders of record of PGE common stock at the close of business on March 7, 2011 are entitled to vote at the meeting.

Your vote is very important. Regardless of the number of shares you own, we encourage you to participate in the affairs of the company by voting your shares at this year s annual meeting. Even if you plan to attend the meeting, it is a good idea to vote your shares before the meeting.

We hope you will find it possible to attend this year s annual meeting, and thank you for your interest in PGE and your participation in this important annual process.

Cordially,

Corbin A. McNeill, Jr. James J. Piro

Chairman of the Board Chief Executive Officer and President

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO BE HELD ON MAY 11, 2011

To our shareholders:

The 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Portland General Electric Company will be held at the Conference Center Auditorium located at Two World Trade Center, 25 SW Salmon Street, Portland, Oregon, 97204 at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time on Wednesday, May 11, 2011.

The meeting is being held for the following purposes, which are more fully described in the proxy statement that accompanies this notice:

- 1. To elect directors named in the proxy statement for the coming year;
- 2. To approve in a non-binding vote the compensation of the company s named executive officers;
- 3. To recommend in a non-binding vote the frequency of future non-binding shareholder votes to approve the compensation of the company s named executive officers;
- 4. To ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the company s independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2011;
- 5. To vote on a shareholder proposal, if properly presented, concerning greenhouse gas emissions reductions; and
- 6. To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting and any adjournment or postponement of the meeting.

As of the date of this notice, the company has received no notice of any matters, other than those set forth above, that may properly be presented at the annual meeting. If any other matters are properly presented for consideration at the meeting, the persons named as proxies on the enclosed proxy card, or their duly constituted substitutes, will be deemed authorized to vote the shares represented by proxy or otherwise act on those matters in accordance with their judgment.

The close of business on March 7, 2011 has been fixed as the record date for determining shareholders entitled to vote at the annual meeting. Accordingly, only shareholders of record as of the close of business on that date are entitled to vote at the annual meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the annual meeting.

Your vote is very important. Please read the proxy statement and then, whether or not you expect to attend the annual meeting, and no matter how many shares you own, vote your shares as promptly as possible. You can vote by proxy over the Internet, by mail or by telephone by following the instructions provided in the proxy statement. Submitting a proxy now will help ensure a quorum and avoid added proxy solicitation costs. If you attend the meeting you may vote in person, even if you have previously submitted a proxy.

You may revoke your proxy at any time before the vote is taken by delivering to the Corporate Secretary of PGE a written revocation or a proxy with a later date or by voting your shares in person at the meeting, in which case your prior proxy will be disregarded.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Marc S. Bocci Corporate Secretary

March 31, 2011

Portland, Oregon

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Portland General Electric Company

121 SW Salmon Street

Portland, Oregon 97204

PROXY STATEMENT

FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO BE HELD ON MAY 11, 2011

This proxy statement is being furnished to you by the Board of Directors of Portland General Electric Company (PGE or the company) to solicit your proxy to vote your shares at our 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The meeting will be held at the Conference Center Auditorium located at Two World Trade Center, 25 SW Salmon Street, Portland, Oregon at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time on Wednesday, May 11, 2011. This proxy statement and the enclosed proxy card and 2010 Annual Report are being mailed to shareholders, or made available electronically, on or about March 31, 2011.

Questions and Answers about the Annual Meeting

Why did I receive a notice in the mail regarding the Internet availability of proxy materials this year instead of a full set of proxy materials?

Pursuant to rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, we have elected to provide access to our proxy materials on the Internet. Accordingly, we are sending a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the Notice of Internet Availability) to our shareholders of record and beneficial owners. All shareholders will have the ability to access the proxy materials on a website referred to in the Notice of Internet Availability or request to receive a printed set of the proxy materials, at no charge. Instructions on how to access the proxy materials on the Internet or to request a printed copy may be found on the Notice of Internet Availability. In addition, shareholders may request to receive proxy materials in printed form by mail or electronically by email on an ongoing basis by following the instructions on the website referred to in the Notice of Internet Availability.

Why am I receiving these materials?

The Board of Directors has made these materials available to you on the Internet, or, upon your request, will deliver printed versions of these materials to you by mail, in connection with the board solicitation of proxies for use at our 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. You are invited to attend the annual meeting and are requested to vote on the proposals described in this proxy statement.

What is included in these materials?

These materials include:

Our proxy statement for the 2011 annual meeting; and

Our 2010 Annual Report to Shareholders, which includes our audited consolidated financial statements. If you request printed versions of these materials by mail, these materials will also include the proxy card for the 2011 annual meeting.

How can I get electronic access to the proxy materials?

The Notice of Internet Availability provides you with instructions regarding how to:

View our proxy materials for the 2011 annual meeting on the Internet; and

Instruct us to send our future proxy materials to you electronically by email.

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Who is entitled to vote at the annual meeting?

Holders of PGE common stock as of the close of business on the record date, March 7, 2011, may vote at the 2011 annual meeting, either in person or by proxy. As of the close of business on March 7, 2011, there were 75,321,733 shares of PGE common stock outstanding and entitled to vote. The common stock is the only authorized voting security of the company, and each share of common stock is entitled to one vote on each matter properly brought before the 2011 annual meeting.

What matters will be voted on at the annual meeting?

There are five matters scheduled for a vote at the annual meeting:

- 1. The election of directors;
- 2. An advisory, non-binding vote to approve the compensation of the company s named executive officers;
- 3. An advisory, non-binding vote on whether the shareholder vote to approve the compensation of the company s named executive officers should occur every one year, two years or three years;
- 4. The ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the company s independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2011; and
- 5. A shareholder proposal concerning greenhouse gas emissions reduction.

What are the board s voting recommendations?

The board recommends that you vote your shares in the following manner:

FOR the election of each of the company s nominees for director;

FOR the approval of the compensation of the company s named executive officers;

For THREE YEARS on the frequency of future non-binding shareholder votes to approve the compensation of the company s named executive officers;

FOR the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the company s independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2011; and

AGAINST the shareholder proposal concerning greenhouse gas emissions reduction.

What is the difference between holding shares as a shareholder of record and as a beneficial owner?

If your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, or AST, you are considered the shareholder of record with respect to those shares.

If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a bank or other nominee, those shares are held in street name and you are considered the beneficial owner of the shares. As the beneficial owner of those shares, you have the right to direct your broker, bank or nominee how to vote your shares, and you will receive separate instructions from your broker, bank or other holder of record describing how to vote your shares. You also are invited to attend the annual meeting. However, because a beneficial owner is not the shareholder of record, you may not vote these shares in person at the meeting unless you obtain a legal proxy from the broker, bank or nominee that holds your shares, giving you the right to vote the shares at the meeting.

How can I vote my shares before the annual meeting?

If you hold shares in your own name as a shareholder of record, you may vote before the annual meeting by Internet by following the instructions contained in the Notice of Internet Availability. If you request printed copies of the proxy materials by mail, you may also cast your vote by authorizing the individuals named on the

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enclosed proxy card to serve as your proxy to vote your shares at the annual meeting in the manner you indicate. You may do so by completing, signing and dating the enclosed proxy card and returning it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

If you are a beneficial owner of shares held in street name, your broker, bank or other nominee will provide you with materials and instructions for voting your shares. Please check with your broker or bank and follow the voting procedures your broker or bank provides to vote your shares.

Even if you plan to attend the annual meeting, we recommend that you vote before the meeting as described above so that your vote will be counted if you later decide not to attend the meeting. Submitting a proxy or voting through the telephone or the Internet will not affect your right to attend the annual meeting and vote in person.

How will my shares be voted if I give my proxy but do not specify how my shares should be voted?

If your shares are held in your own name as a shareholder of record and you return your signed proxy card but do not indicate your voting preferences, or you indicate when voting on the Internet or by telephone that you wish to vote as recommended by our Board of Directors, your shares will be voted as follows:

FOR the election of each of the company s nominees for director;

FOR the approval of the compensation of the company s named executive officers;

For THREE YEARS on the frequency of future non-binding shareholder votes to approve the compensation of the company s named executive officers;

FOR the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the company s independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2011; and

AGAINST the shareholder proposal concerning greenhouse gas emissions reduction.

If I am the beneficial owner of shares held in street name by my broker, will my broker automatically vote my shares for me?

New York Stock Exchange rules applicable to broker-dealers grant your broker discretionary authority to vote your shares without receiving your instructions on certain routine matters. Your broker has discretionary authority under the New York Stock Exchange rules to vote your shares on the ratification of the appointment of the independent registered public accounting firm. However, unless you provide voting instructions to your broker, your broker does not have authority to vote your shares with respect to the election of directors, the approval of the compensation of the company s named executive officers, the frequency vote relating to advisory votes to approve the compensation of the company s named executive officers, and the shareholder proposal. As a result, we strongly encourage you to submit your proxy and exercise your right to vote as a shareholder.

Could other matters be decided at the annual meeting?

As of the date of this proxy statement, we are unaware of any matters, other than those set forth in the Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders, that may properly be presented at the annual meeting. If any other matters are properly presented for consideration at the meeting, including, among other things, consideration of a motion to adjourn the meeting to another time or place, the persons named as proxies on the enclosed proxy card, or their duly constituted substitutes, will be deemed authorized to vote those shares for which proxies have been given or otherwise act on such matters in accordance with their judgment.

Can I vote in person at the annual meeting?

Yes. If you hold shares in your own name as a shareholder of record, you may come to the annual meeting and cast your vote at the meeting by properly completing and submitting a ballot. If you are the beneficial owner of shares held in street name, you must first obtain a legal proxy from your broker, bank or other nominee giving you the right to vote those shares and submit that proxy along with a properly completed ballot at the meeting.

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What do I need to bring to be admitted to the annual meeting?

All shareholders must present a form of personal photo identification in order to be admitted to the meeting. In addition, if your shares are held in the name of your broker, bank or other nominee and you wish to attend the annual meeting, you must bring an account statement or letter from the broker, bank or other nominee indicating that you were the owner of the shares on March 7, 2011.

How can I change or revoke my vote?

If you hold shares in your own name as a shareholder of record, you may change your vote or revoke your proxy at any time before voting begins by:

Notifying our Corporate Secretary in writing that you are revoking your proxy;

Delivering another duly signed proxy that is dated after the proxy you wish to revoke; or

Attending the annual meeting and voting in person by properly completing and submitting a ballot. (Attendance at the meeting, in and of itself, will not cause your previously granted proxy to be revoked unless you vote at the meeting.)

Any written notice of revocation, or later dated proxy, should be delivered to:

Portland General Electric Company

121 SW Salmon Street, 1WTC1301

Portland, Oregon 97204

Attention: Marc S. Bocci, Corporate Secretary

Alternatively, you may hand deliver a written revocation notice, or a later dated proxy, to the Corporate Secretary at the annual meeting before the voting begins.

If you are the beneficial owner of shares held in street name, please check with your broker or bank and follow the procedures your broker or bank provides if you wish to change your vote with respect to those shares.

What are the voting requirements to elect directors and approve the other proposal described in the proxy statement?

The vote required to approve each of the matters scheduled for a vote at the annual meeting is set forth below:

Proposal

Election of directors

Advisory vote on approval of the compensation of the company s named executive officers Advisory vote on frequency of shareholder vote to approve compensation of the Company s named executive officers

Ratification of appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP

Shareholder proposal concerning greenhouse gas emissions reduction

Vote Required

Plurality

Votes in Favor Exceed Votes Against

Not Applicable

Votes in Favor Exceed Votes Against Votes in Favor Exceed Votes Against

The election of directors by a plurality of the votes cast at the meeting means that the nominees receiving the largest number of votes cast will be elected as directors up to the maximum number of directors to be elected at the meeting. With respect to the advisory vote to approve the compensation of the company s named executive officers, if there is any significant vote against this item we will consider the concerns of our shareholders and evaluate whether any actions are necessary to address these concerns. With respect to the vote to approve the frequency of the

advisory shareholder vote to approve the compensation of the company s named executive officers, the frequency receiving the largest number of votes cast will be the preferred frequency that has been selected by shareholders.

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What is the quorum for the annual meeting and what happens if a quorum is not present?

The presence at the annual meeting, in person or by proxy, of a majority of the shares issued and outstanding and entitled to vote as of March 7, 2011 is required to constitute a quorum. The existence of a quorum is necessary in order to take action on the matters scheduled for a vote at the annual meeting. If you vote by Internet or telephone, or submit a properly executed proxy card, your shares will be included for purposes of determining the existence of a quorum. Proxies marked abstain and broker non-votes (each of which are explained below) also will be counted in determining the presence of a quorum. If the shares present in person or represented by proxy at the annual meeting are not sufficient to constitute a quorum, the chairman of the meeting or the shareholders by a vote of the holders of a majority of votes present in person or represented by proxy, may, without further notice to any shareholder (unless a new record date is set), adjourn the meeting to a different time and place to permit further solicitations of proxies sufficient to constitute a quorum.

What is an abstention and how would it affect the vote?

An abstention occurs when a shareholder sends in a proxy with explicit instructions to decline to vote regarding a particular matter. Abstentions are counted as present for purposes of determining a quorum. However, an abstention with respect to a matter submitted to a vote of shareholders will not be counted for or against the matter. Consequently, an abstention with respect to any of the proposals to be presented at the annual meeting will not affect the outcome of the vote.

What is a broker non-vote and how would it affect the vote?

A broker non-vote occurs when a broker or other nominee who holds shares for another person does not vote on a particular proposal because that holder does not have discretionary voting power for the proposal and has not received voting instructions from the beneficial owner of the shares. Brokers will have discretionary voting power to vote shares for which no voting instructions have been provided by the beneficial owner with respect to the ratification of the appointment of the independent registered public accounting firm, but not with respect to any of the other proposals. Accordingly, there might be broker non-votes with respect to all of the proposals, except the ratification of the appointment of the independent registered public accounting firm. A broker non-vote will have the same effect as an abstention and, therefore, will not affect the outcome of the vote.

Who will conduct the proxy solicitation and how much will it cost?

The company is soliciting your proxy for the annual meeting and will pay all the costs of the proxy solicitation process. We have engaged Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. to assist in the distribution of proxy materials, and we will pay their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses for these services. Our directors, officers and employees may communicate with shareholders by telephone, facsimile, email or personal contact to solicit proxies. These individuals will not be specifically compensated for doing so. We will reimburse brokerage houses and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses for forwarding solicitation materials to the beneficial owners of PGE common stock.

Who will count the votes?

Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. will tabulate the votes cast by mail, Internet, or telephone. Nora E. Arkonovich, our Assistant Secretary, will tabulate any votes cast at the annual meeting and will act as inspector of election to certify the results.

If you have any questions about voting your shares or attending the annual meeting, please call our Investor Relations Department at (503) 464-7395.

Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners,

Directors and Executive Officers

On March 7, 2011 there were 75,321,733 shares of PGE common stock outstanding. The following table sets forth, as of that date unless otherwise specified, the beneficial ownership of PGE common stock of (1) known beneficial owners of more than 5% of PGE s common stock, (2) each director or nominee for director, (3) each of our named executive officers listed in the Summary Compensation Table, and (4) our executive officers and directors as a group. Each of the persons named below has sole voting power and sole investment power with respect to the shares set forth opposite his, her or its name, except as otherwise noted.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature of	Percent of Class
5% or Greater Holders	Beneficial Ownership	Class
BlackRock, Inc.(1)	4,027,364	5.35%
40 East 52 nd Street		
New York, NY 10022		
The Vanguard Group, Inc.(2)	3,882,435	5.15%
100 Vanguard Blvd.		
Malvem, PA 19355		
Non-Employee Directors		
John W. Ballantine	6,791(3)	*
Rodney L. Brown, Jr.	6,115(3)	*
David A. Dietzler	6,791(3)	*
Kirby A. Dyess	3,157(3)	*
Peggy Y. Fowler	45,868(3)	*
Mark B. Ganz	6,791(3)(4)	*
Corbin A. McNeill, Jr.	6,791(3)	*
Neil J. Nelson	6,391(3)(4)	*
M. Lee Pelton	6,791(3)	*
Robert T. F. Reid	6,791(3)	*
Named Executive Officers		
James J. Piro	13,454	*
Maria M. Pope	3,256(4)	*
J. Jeffrey Dudley	3,256	*
Stephen M. Quennoz	7,581	*
Stephen R. Hawke	7,460	*
All of the above officers and directors and other executive officers as a group (22 persons)	162,509	*

- * Percentage is less than 1% of PGE common stock outstanding.
- (1) As reported on Schedule 13G/A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 2, 2011.
- (2) As reported on Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 10, 2011.
- (3) Includes 387 shares of common stock that will be issued on March 31, 2011 upon the vesting of restricted stock units granted under the Portland General Electric Company 2006 Stock Incentive Plan. Restricted stock units do not have voting or investment power until the units vest and the underlying common stock is issued.
- (4) Shares are held jointly with the individual s spouse, who shares voting and investment power.

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Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

The rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission require that we disclose late filings of reports of stock ownership (and changes in stock ownership) by our directors and executive officers and persons who beneficially own more than 10% of our common stock. To the best of our knowledge, all of the filings required by Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for our directors and executive officers and persons who beneficially own more than 10% of our common stock were made on a timely basis in 2010.

Executive Officers (1)

Name James J. Piro President and Chief Executive Officer	Age 58	Business Experience Appointed President and Co-Chief Executive Officer on January 1, 2009 and appointed President and Chief Executive Officer on March 1, 2009. Served as Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer from July 2002 to December 2008. Served as Senior Vice President Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer from May 2001 until July 2002. Served as Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer from November 2000 until May 2001. Served as Vice President, Business Development from February 1998 until November 2000. Served as General Manager, Planning Support, Analysis and Forecasting, from 1992 until 1998.
Maria M. Pope Senior Vice President, Finance, Chief	46	Appointed to current position on January 1, 2009. Previously served as a director of the company from January 2006 to December 2008. Served as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Mentor
Financial Officer and Treasurer	Oregon, from July Graphics, served as Products Division company, from De filed a voluntary po- laws on November	Graphics Corporation, a software company based in Wilsonville, Oregon, from July 2007 to December 2008. Prior to joining Mentor Graphics, served as Vice President and General Manager, Wood Products Division of Pope & Talbot, Inc., a pulp and wood product company, from December 2003 to April 2007. Pope & Talbot, Inc. filed a voluntary petition under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptc laws on November 19, 2007. Ms. Pope previously worked for Levi Strauss & Co. and Morgan Stanley & Co., Inc.