

## Nurses Tour Mariah Taylor Clinic



Nurses from Japan surround Mariah Taylor at her pediatrics clinic in north Portland.

by MICHAEL LEIGHTON

A delegation of six nurses from Japan got a new look at health care by visiting a north and northeast Portland clinic last week.

The six Japanese guests wanted to see how nurse practitioners perform medical services in the United States.

A nurse practitioner is a level of health care provider which is between a physician and a registered nurse. In Japan, nurses are usually not trained for such expertise, an official of the group said.

Even in the United States, nurse practitioners are somewhat rare, but

are growing in demand and popularity.

The Japanese nurses visited the Mariah A. Taylor Community Health Clinic at 5311 N. Vancouver.

The office is one of the few such clinics in the state providing primary health care to indigent families throughout the Portland area. Taylor is a pioneer in her work as a pediatric nurse practitioner.

In Taylor's view, doctors are trained with an emphasis on illness curing and pathology, while nurse practitioners are trained with an emphasis on health maintenance, wellness and treatment of minor and

acute illnesses.

Taylor also sees her profession as affording more time to spend with the patient.

Taylor has demonstrated the nurse practitioner arts through long hours of dedicated work, making long-distance house calls and being on call 24 hours a day.

She holds a bachelor's degree in nursing from Southern Oregon State College in Ashland and a master's degree in nursing and certification as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner from the University of Colorado Health Sciences University in Denver.

(Photo by Michael Leighton)

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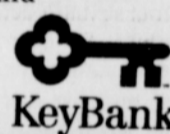
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On September 1, 1995 Pacific Power filed with the Oregon Public Utility Commission a proposal to increase base electricity prices for the first time in nine years. While the filing contains a proposed effective date of October 15, 1995, the filing is only the first step in a formal process that will take several months to complete. The Company expects that any change to prices would not occur until July 1, 1996.

Included in the filing is a request for adoption of a new alternative form of regulation plan that links customer prices more to company performance than to changes in costs. The company's alternative form of regulation proposal streamlines the regulatory process by permitting prices to change under the plan according to increases in designated price indexes. The proposal also includes service quality standards and penalties if the company fails to meet the standards.

Under traditional cost-based regulation, the company could justify a higher percentage increase than the 4 percent overall increase which is being sought with this filing. Inflation has eroded purchasing power by 42 percent since 1985. The company's alternative form of regulation proposal demonstrates a commitment to moderate the impact of cost increases on customer prices while retaining high quality service.

### Details of this Application:

The Company, along with seeking approval for an alternative form of regulation plan, is requesting an increase in prices of \$26.8 million or 4.0 percent. Including the effects of an increase in the Regional Exchange Credit (Schedule 98) received by residential and small farm customers and retaining the temporary surcredit contained in Schedule 93, the net price increase will be \$25.2 million or about 3.8 percent.

If approved by the OPUC, this filing would result in a monthly bill increase of \$3.32, or 5.6 percent for an average Pacific Power residential customer.

Other customer classes would experience increases as follows:

- General Service Schedule 25, 3.7 percent; Large General Service Schedule 48T, 1.8 percent; and
- Agricultural Pumping Schedule 41, 3.9 percent.

The Company proposes adding a new Large General Service Schedule 27 for monthly demands between 100 kilowatts and 1,000 kilowatts. Customers qualifying for this new schedule would see a 2.2 percent price increase in the Company's filing.

Customers may review copies of the company's testimony, application and exhibits at Pacific Power's main office, 920 SW Sixth Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204 (503) 464-5000, as well as local district offices listed below. Additional information may also be obtained from these offices. Customers may also call or write the Commission at 550 Capitol Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97310 to receive notification of the time and place of any hearing on this proposal. The telephone number is 1-800-522-2404.

The purpose of this announcement is to provide customers with general information regarding the company's proposed application for a price increase and adoption of an alternative form of regulation plan, as well as the effect of these proposals on customers. Calculations and statements contained in this notice are not binding on the Oregon Public Utility Commission.

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