

October 5, 2004

UM 1121 Service List

RE: Letter from State Senator Vicki Walker

On Friday, October 1, 2004, Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) Kathryn Logan and Christina Smith received an electronic mail message from Bryan Conway of the Commission Staff. His e-mail referenced the attached letter from Senator Vicki Walker. Mr. Conway contacted the ALJs under the belief that they would be the appropriate individuals to respond to Senator Walker's request.

After consultation with the ALJs, I advised Lee Sparling, Director of the Utility Program, that Staff should respond to Senator Walker's letter. Staff will respond to Senator Walker later this week. Any inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Mr. Conway.

I have been meeting with stakeholders regarding the Commission's rule on ex parte communications. Although Senator Walker's letter is not technically an "ex parte" communication, it is the type of contact that stakeholders believe should be disclosed. Because of those conversations, I have decided to provide notice of Senator Walker's letter to all parties in this proceeding.

Michael Grant
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Public Utility Commission of Oregon

Attachment
Ex parte/UM 1121/Walker