

ISSUED: May 20, 2009

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1355

In the Matter of the

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Investigation into Forecasting Forced Outage
Rates for Electric Generating Units.

PREHEARING CONFERENCE REPORT
&
RULING

DISPOSITION: SCHEDULE MODIFIED AND PROCEDURES CLARIFIED

A prehearing conference was held on May 18, 2009. Counsel appeared on behalf of Portland General Electric Company; PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power; Idaho Power Company; the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU); the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon; and the Commission Staff, collectively, "the Parties."

At the conference, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) informed the Parties that the Commissioners wished to have an issues presentation and discussion. The Parties agreed, and the ALJ ruled that the hearing scheduled for May 28, 2009, would be canceled and that the Commission-requested issues presentation and discussion would take place at the date and place for which the hearing was originally scheduled. The ALJ also ruled that ICNU's response to the expedited Pacific Power Motion to Limit Scope of Docket to Generic Issues must be filed no later than Thursday, May 21, 2009.

While similar in format to—and formally styled in the Notice issued May 19, 2009—as a "Workshop" in which parties discuss their positions on various issues, the presence and participation of the Commissioners gives rise to a number of differences.

First, the meeting becomes subject to statutory requirements for public notice and the making of a record of the proceedings.

Second, the format will be akin to a Public Comment Open House, where parties may make statements and presentations on issues germane to the investigation.

Finally, as in an Open House, unsworn statements may be made part of the record and examined later under oath in the hearing process. Indeed, parties may be encouraged to have potential witnesses address statements made at the meeting.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 20th day of May, 2009.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Allan J. Arlow", written over a horizontal line.

Allan J. Arlow
Administrative Law Judge

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