

ISSUED: March 20, 2009

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 1401

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

Investigation into Interconnection of PURPA  
Qualifying Facilities With Nameplate Capacity  
Larger Than 10 Megawatts to a Public Utility's  
Transmission or Distribution System.

CONFERENCE REPORT

**DISPOSITION: SCHEDULE SUSPENDED**

On March 10, 2009, the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) served data requests on PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power (Pacific Power), Portland General Electric Company (PGE), and Idaho Power Company (Idaho Power). On March 12, 2009, Pacific Power sent a letter to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) requesting a conference to discuss discovery issues, including whether discovery was necessary in this docket and, if so, whether the scope of discovery should be limited. The requested conference was held by telephone on March 19, 2009. Representatives for Commission Staff, PacifiCorp, PGE, Idaho Power, and ICNU appeared at the conference.

During the conference, the parties agreed that it would be useful to convene a workshop to exchange information, which could possibly eliminate or reduce the need for discovery. Counsel for Staff agreed to arrange the workshop and provide notice to the parties, and the parties agreed to suspend the deadline for submitting responses to ICNU's data requests. A status conference will be held after the workshop, and the parties should be prepared to report on the docket's status and the need for discovery. I will also address any other discovery issues at that time, including objections to specific data requests.

To allow time for the workshop, the schedule in this proceeding is suspended. A new schedule, including deadlines for responses to data requests, if necessary, will be established during the status conference held after the workshop. Staff should provide notice of the workshop's date to the Commission.

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

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Sarah K. Wallace  
Administrative Law Judge