

ISSUED: August 8, 2011

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1415

In the Matter of the

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Staff Investigation into Cost Methods for
Use in Developing Electric Rate Spreads.

RULING

DISPOSITION: PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE MODIFIED; PETITION TO
INTERVENE GRANTED

Schedule

In a July 21, 2011 ruling, I granted the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon's motion to modify the schedule in this docket. I asked the parties to confer on a new schedule that provides at least 14 days between the opening comments and the workshop. The purpose of the 14-day period was to give the Commissioners time to thoroughly review the parties' comments before the workshop.

On July 29, 2011, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Staff) filed a proposed procedural schedule on behalf of all parties. Staff asserts that no party opposes the following new deadlines:

Event	Deadline
Petitions to Intervene	August 10, 2011
Opening Comments	September 8, 2011
Workshop with Commissioners	September 19, 2011
Second Round of Comments	October 20, 2011

The proposed schedule provides 11 days between the opening comments and the workshop.

In light of the difficulties encountered by the parties in finding a schedule consistent with the July 21, 2011 ruling, I have confirmed with the Commissioners that 11 days between the opening comments and the workshop is acceptable.

Staff's proposed schedule is adopted.

Petition to Intervene

On July 26, 2011, Community Action Partnership of Oregon (CAPO) filed a petition to intervene in this docket. CAPO has sufficient interest in the proceeding, and its appearance and participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding. *See* OAR 860-001-0300. The petition to intervene is granted.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 8th day of August, 2011.



Lisa D. Hardie
Administrative Law Judge