

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UE 210

In the Matter of  
  
PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER  
  
Request for a General Rate Revision.

MEMORANDUM

A prehearing conference is scheduled in the above-captioned docket on April 21, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. (or immediately following the Public Utility Commission of Oregon's public meeting). At the conference, the parties should be prepared to discuss the following proposed schedule:

EVENT	DATE
<b>Staff &amp; Intervenors File Proposed Information Requests for Pacific Power's Supplemental Opening Testimony</b>	May 21, 2009
<b>ALJ Ruling regarding Pacific Power's Supplemental Opening Testimony (if necessary)</b>	May 26, 2009
Public Comment Open House – Bend	May 28, 2009
Public Comment Open House – Medford	June 4, 2009
Public Comment Open House – Portland	June 9, 2009
<b>Pacific Power Files Supplemental Opening Testimony (if necessary)</b>	June 26, 2009
Deadline to File Petitions to Intervene	July 2, 2009
Deadline to File Proposed Budgets for Intervenor Funding	July 2, 2009
Staff & Intervenors File Opening Testimony	July 24, 2009
<b>Opening Oral Arguments before the Commission</b>	August 6, 2009
Pacific Power Files Reply Testimony	August 31, 2009
Staff & Intervenors File Rebuttal Testimony	September 21, 2009
Pacific Power Files Surrebuttal Testimony	October 5, 2009
All Parties File Cross-examination Statements	October 13, 2009
Hearing	October 20-22, 2009
Simultaneous Opening Briefs due	November 20, 2009
Simultaneous Reply Briefs due	December 11, 2009
<b>Closing Oral Arguments before the Commission</b>	December 18, 2009
Target Date for Commission Decision	January 29, 2010
End of Second Tariff Suspension	February 2, 2010

Please note that this schedule includes some events not previously included in general rate case schedules, which are highlighted in boldface type and described in more detail below. We have included these events for two reasons: (1) to respond to comments the Chief Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Michael Grant received during recent process review meetings with utilities and stakeholders; and (2) to address a recent problem in multiple unrelated dockets involving evidentiary records that are inadequate to support Commission decision-making.

***Pacific Power's Supplemental Opening Testimony.*** During meetings with stakeholders, Chief Grant received comments regarding inadequate information in initial utility filings. We have not reached any conclusions about the adequacy of Pacific Power's initial filing in this docket, but want the schedule to include a possible request for Pacific Power to submit supplemental opening testimony. If the Commission believes that Pacific Power's initial filing lacks evidence that should be required as part of Pacific Power's opening case, then ALJs Wallace and Hardie will issue a ruling requesting specific further evidence by May 26, 2009. In addition, Staff and intervenors may submit requests for information to be included in the ALJs' ruling by May 21, 2009. These requests should be limited to factual data that the party believes should have been included as part of the initial filing. The ALJs will make the final determination regarding what evidence, if any, will be requested. Pacific Power will have until June 26, 2009, to submit any supplemental opening testimony.

***Opening and Closing Oral Arguments before the Commission.*** Because the Commissioners would like to ensure that the record includes adequate evidence about critical issues, we have included two oral arguments in the proposed schedule. The first is scheduled after Staff and intervenors file opening testimony, which allows the Commissioners to identify the issues early, and gives the parties the opportunity to submit further evidence in subsequent testimony filings. The second oral argument—the type with which the parties are already familiar—is intended to address legal arguments. It will be held after post-hearing briefs are filed.

We encourage the parties to suggest changes or improvements to the proposed schedule at the prehearing conference.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2009, at Salem, Oregon.

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Sarah K. Wallace  
Administrative Law Judge

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Lisa D. Hardie  
Administrative Law Judge