

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1452

In the Matters of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Investigation into Pilot Programs to
demonstrate the use and effectiveness of
Volumetric Incentive Rates for Solar
Photovoltaic Energy Systems.

RULING

DISPOSITION: MOTION GRANTED

By motion filed January 6, 2012, the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Staff) proposes a procedural schedule intended to facilitate a timely Commission determination regarding the appropriate level of the Volumetric Incentive Rate (VIR) for the April, 2012, enrollment window. Staff reports that its proposed schedule is the product of a recent workshop with numerous stakeholders, "including, but not limited to, the three investor-owned utilities participating in the pilot programs, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon, Renewable Northwest Project, Oregon Solar Energy Industry Association, Oregonians for Renewable Power, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, and the Energy Trust of Oregon."

The proposed schedule is as follows:

Utilities serve spreadsheet summary	January 10, 2012
Parties file comments	January 17, 2012
Staff files Public Meeting Memorandum	January 25, 2012
Commission Public Meeting (tentative)	Week of January 30, 2012

Staff notes that the proposed schedule allows for the use of information from the October, 2011, enrollment, and the Commission determination of the VIR about two months prior to the April 1, 2012, enrollment window. Staff proposed the Public Meeting the week of January 30, 2012, because the regularly scheduled public meetings in January and February, 2012, will not accommodate both the need for sufficient time to review data from 2011 and the need for sufficient notice of the VIR for the April, 2012, window.

Staff's motion is granted, subject to the availability of Commissioners to schedule the Public Meeting. Notice of the Public Meeting will issue separately.

Dated this 9th day of January, 2012, at Salem, Oregon.



Patrick Power
Administrative Law Judge