

ITEM NO. 2

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: September 22, 2015

REGULAR X CONSENT _____ EFFECTIVE DATE _____ Upon Commission Approval

DATE: September 15, 2015

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Brittany Andrus 

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer and Aster Adams  

SUBJECT: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC: (Docket No. UM 1610) Compliance Filing to Update Schedule 201, Qualifying Facility 10 MW or Less Avoided Cost Power Purchase Information, and Standard Power Purchase Agreements.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order approving Portland General Electric's (PGE) filing to Update Schedule 201, Qualifying Facility (QF) 10 MW or less Avoided Cost Power Purchase Information, and Standard Power Purchase Agreements filed on May 27, 2015 in compliance with Order No. 15-130, effective September 23, 2015.

Issue

The question presented is whether PGE's filing complies with the Commission's previous order implementing certain changes to the Commission's PURPA policies. Staff concludes that it does.

Pertinent statutes, rules, and orders

The Commission requires PGE to offer contracts with standard terms and rates ("standard contracts" or standard power purchase agreements (PPA)) to QFs that are 10 MW and less.¹ The Commission reviews utilities' forms of standard contracts to determine whether the terms comply with PURPA and state requirements.²

¹ Order No. 14-058 at 7.

² See e.g., Order No. 07-065 (reviewing PGE's standard contract to determine whether it complies with Commission orders implementing PURPA.)

Discussion

On April 16, 2015, the Commission issued Order No. 15-130 adopting a stipulation filed in its Investigation into Qualifying Facilities Contracting and Pricing (Docket UM 1610). This order requires several changes to the terms of standard PPAs that are available to QFs, and directs PGE, PacifiCorp, and Idaho Power to make filings to implement the stipulation.

PGE filed revised PPAs and a revised Schedule 201 in accordance with the order on May 27, 2015. Due to constrained staff resources, this filing was not addressed prior to the Company's requested effective date of July 23, 2015. PGE requested that this item be added to the September 22, 2015, public meeting agenda.

Staff reviewed each update in Schedule 201 and the six standard PPAs and verified that they meet the requirements contained in Order No. 15-130. Staff appreciates the summary table provided by the Company, as it served as a helpful cross-reference between changes required by the order and the specific sections of Schedule 201 and the multiple PPAs that were updated.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

PGE's Compliance Filing to Update Schedule 201, Qualifying Facility 10 MW or less Avoided Cost Power Purchase Information, and Standard Power Purchase Agreements, filed on May 27, 2015, in compliance with Order No. 15-130, be allowed to go into effect on September 23, 2015.