

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1610

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,

Staff Investigation Into Qualifying
Facility Contracting and Pricing.

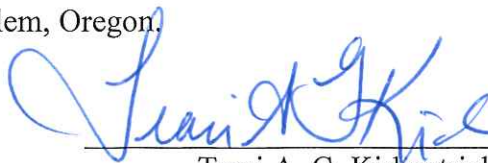
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DISPOSITION: RENEWABLE ENERGY COALITION DIRECTED TO FILE A MOTION REQUESTING PERMISSION TO FILE A REPLY; STAFF DIRECTED TO ADDRESS IN NEXT STATUS REPORT WHETHER THE SCOPE OF QUESTIONS AT ISSUE HAS EXPANDED

The Renewable Energy Coalition (the Coalition) filed a reply to the response of PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power, to the Coalition's motion to compel. Under OAR 860-001-0400(5), a reply to a responsive pleading is not permitted without permission. The Coalition did not file a motion requesting permission to file the reply either in advance of, or in conjunction with, the reply. If the Coalition would like its reply to be considered, it will need to file a motion for leave to make such a filing.

Discussion by PacifiCorp and the Coalition with regard to the Coalition's motion to compel discovery raises questions about whether the scope of this docket has expanded. In Order 16-174, the Commission directed Staff and the utilities to work with interested parties to resolve how to calculate and assign third party transmission costs attributable to a QF. It appears that more fundamental questions about the nature of the transmission options available to a QF may have arisen. Staff is scheduled to file a status report on October 12, 2016. In that report, I ask Staff to address whether the scope of the questions being addressed has expanded.

Dated this 10th day of October, 2016, at Salem, Oregon.



Traci A. G. Kirkpatrick
Administrative Law Judge