

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1610

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,

Investigation Into Qualifying Facility
Contracting and Pricing.

TELEPHONE PREHEARING
CONFERENCE
MEMORANDUM

DISPOSITION: PARTIES DIRECTED TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

On April 16, 2020, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon held a telephone prehearing conference in this docket. Appearances were recorded for: PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power; Community Renewable Energy Association; Renewable Energy Coalition; Alliance of Western Energy Consumers; and Commission Staff.

The purpose of the telephone conference was to establish a procedural schedule. A question arose regarding the nature of the singular issue in these proceedings. The Commission identified a limited question to be addressed:

[W]hether the designation of a Qualifying Facility (QF) as a network resource under PacifiCorp's network integration transmission service agreement with BPA represents an opportunity for PacifiCorp to avoid incremental transmission costs related to a QF that is in a load pocket.¹

Parties disagree whether this question is legal or factual in nature. Parties will file written comments addressing the nature of the question, and how it can best be answered. Opening comments are due from all parties by the close of business on April 30, 2020. Parties may submit reply comments by the close of business on May 7, 2020.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2020, at Salem, Oregon.



Traci Kirkpatrick
Administrative Law Judge

¹ Order No. 20-064 (Mar 3, 2020).