

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1633

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Investigation into Treatment of Pension
Costs in Utility Rates.

NOTICE OF
PREHEARING CONFERENCE
AND
MEMORANDUM

The Public Utility Commission of Oregon will hold a prehearing conference in these proceedings, as follows:

DATE: December 21, 2012

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE

LAW JUDGE: Lisa D. Hardie

LOCATION: Public Utility Commission
Main Hearing Room
550 Capitol Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

VIA DIAL-IN NUMBER: Please contact AHD at (503) 378-6678 or e-mail to puc.hearings@state.or.us for the dial-in number and participant access code by close of business December 19.

The purpose of the prehearing conference will be to identify parties and establish a procedural schedule.

Please note: If the parties intend to propose a procedural schedule during the prehearing conference, please note that the Commission intends to reserve some time at the beginning of the this docket for informal discussions and workshops.

In addition, the Commissioners have asked for a presentation sometime in January 2013 by Staff and affected utilities. The presentation should help the Commission better

understand the current state of affairs regarding pension costs, regulatory treatment of pension costs, and how the Commission's ratemaking treatment of pension costs has affected utilities over the past several years. The parties are encouraged to consider this proposed content, as well as the format and timing of this Commission presentation/workshop, so that it can be discussed during the prehearing conference.

The Commission strongly encourages any person wanting to participate as a party in these proceedings to file a petition to intervene before the prehearing conference. See OAR 860-001-0300. Petitions to intervene received before the prehearing conference may be ruled upon during the conference. A form petition to intervene can be found online at: http://www.puc.state.or.us/PUC/admin_hearings/Petition_to_Intervene_Form.shtml.

To request postponement, a party must submit a motion under Oregon Administrative Rule 860-001-0420. If you have questions, please contact the Administrative Hearings Division by telephone (503-378-6678) or by e-mail (puc.hearings@state.or.us).

Dated this 10th day of December, 2012, at Salem, Oregon.



Lisa D. Hardie
Administrative Law Judge

IF YOU HAVE A DISABILITY AND NEED ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CONFERENCE, PLEASE LET US KNOW (503) 378-6678, Oregon Relay Service: 7-1-1, or e-mail puc.hearings@state.or.us