

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

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COLUMBIA BASIN ELECTRIC  
COOPERATIVE, INC.,

Complainant,

vs.

UMATILLA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,

Defendant.

RULING

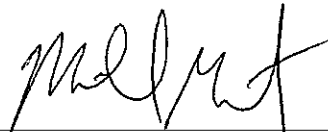
**DISPOSITION: DEADLINE SET**

On March 6, 2017, Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Columbia Basin) filed a motion for leave to reply to the arguments of Greg te Velde, dba Willow Creek Dairy (Willow Creek). Willow Creek's arguments concern the motion to bifurcate this proceeding filed by Umatilla Electric Cooperative, Inc. (UEC). Willow Creek states that it is considering intervening in this matter, and its decision depends on the Commission's resolution of the motion to bifurcate.

As Columbia Basin points out, OAR 860-001-0420(4) provides that "a party" may file a response to a motion. Thus, Willow Creek's arguments on the motion to bifurcate may only be considered if Willow Creek intervenes as a party.

This ruling establishes a deadline of March 15, 2017, for Willow Creek to file a petition to intervene and have its comments on the motion considered.<sup>1</sup> If Willow Creek does intervene and is granted party status, I will allow Columbia Basin to file a reply to those comments within 5 days of the ruling granting Willow Creek's intervention.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017, at Salem, Oregon.



Sarah Rowe  
Administrative Law Judge

<sup>1</sup> If Willow Creek does not file a petition to intervene at this time, it may petition to intervene later, subject to the standards in OAR 860-001-0300(6). "If the Commission or ALJ finds the petitioner has sufficient interest in the proceedings and the petitioner's appearance and participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or delay the proceedings, then the Commission or ALJ must grant the petition."