

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1823

COLUMBIA BASIN ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC.,

Complainant,

vs.

UMATILLA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,

Defendant.

Regarding Wheatridge Wind Project

RULING

DISPOSITION: JOINT MOTION GRANTED, SCHEDULE MODIFIED

On June 29, 2017, Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Columbia Basin); Umatilla Electric Cooperative, Inc. (UEC); and Wheatridge Wind Energy, LLC (Wheatridge) filed a joint motion for limited stay of the procedural schedule. The parties request the stay in order to conduct confidential settlement discussions. If Columbia Basin, UEC, and Wheatridge cannot reach settlement of all outstanding issues by July 31, 2017, the parties agree that the stay shall be lifted on August 1, 2017, and the following schedule be used to resolve the dispute:

EVENT	DATE
Status Report Due	August 1, 2017
Parties may issue discovery requests	August 1, 2017
Columbia Basin's Initial Testimony	August 8, 2017
UEC, Wheatridge and Staff Reply Testimony	August 22, 2017
Columbia Basin Reply Testimony	September 1, 2017
All-Party Cross-Examination Statements	September 7, 2017
Hearing	September 14, 2017 (tentative)
Initial Briefs	September 25, 2017
Reply Briefs	October 4, 2017

The joint motion is granted, with two modifications to the proposed schedule. First, the parties are directed to notify the Commission on August 1, 2017, of their status, indicating whether settlement was reached, or whether the parties are proceeding to litigate this matter under the schedule set forth above. Second, the deadline for resolution

of any pre-stay discovery disputes is deleted and instead incorporated into the status report. In the August 1 status report, the parties are to indicate whether there any lingering pre-stay discovery disputes, and if a telephone conference is needed.

Dated this 3rd day of July, 2017, at Salem, Oregon.



Sarah Rowe
Administrative Law Judge