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UM 2000 Broad Investigation of PURPA

Phase 1 (Pre-Contested Case) Schedule Update Announcement

This announcement provides an update to Oregon Public Utility Commission Staff's (Staff) docket schedule for the UM 2000 Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) Investigation into qualifying small power production facilities (QFs). This announcement reflects input from stakeholders regarding scheduling and their availability to participate in Phase 1, the pre-contested case phase, of the current UM 2000 investigation.

Background

On February 24, 2023, Staff released its update to the UM 2000 proposed process ([Staff's Process Proposal and Scope Update](#)), which focuses on QF avoided cost rates and QF forecasting practices. The process contemplates a scoping phase (Phase 1) followed by a contested case investigation (Phase 2). See Attachment 1 in [Staff's Phase 1 Process Announcement](#) for the most recent version of Staff's proposed issues list.

Next Steps

The updated schedule below outlines Staff's plan to scope the contested case phase of UM 2000. To facilitate an efficient and focused investigation, Staff intends for the contested case to start with a Staff proposal for updating QF avoided cost rates and QF forecasting practices. Staff seeks to refine its proposal and identify any areas of consensus prior to initiating the contested case through the process below.

Phase 1 Schedule Proposal		
Timeline	Activity	Description
March 7, 2024	Staff Straw Proposal Filed	Staff's straw proposal for Phase 1 issues resolution is filed.
April 24, 2024	Workshop	Workshop to discuss Staff's straw proposal and to raise/refine Phase 1 issues for resolution in Phase 2.
May 15, 2024	Comments Due	Stakeholder comments on Staff's straw proposal and Phase 1 issues are due.
May 23, 2024	Workshop	Workshop to discuss Staff's proposal and stakeholder comments.
Early June, 2024	Phase 2 Initiation	Staff will work with the ALJ to schedule a prehearing conference for the Phase 2 contested case.

Phase 2 will launch following the conclusion of Phase 1 and is anticipated to take five months or longer.

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