ISSUED: October 27, 2020

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

## **OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON,

General Capacity Investigation.

PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM

On October 22, 2020, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon held a prehearing conference in this docket. Representatives appeared on behalf of Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (AWEC), Avangrid Renewables LLC, The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB), Idaho Power Company, Newsun Energy LLC, Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, Oregon Solar Energy Industries Association (OSEIA), PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power, Portland General Electric Company, Renewable Energy Coalition, NewSun Energy LLC, Commission Staff, and Renewable Northwest.

Prior to the conference, NewSun Energy LLC, NW Energy Coalition (NWEC), Renewable Northwest, and OSEIA filed petitions to intervene in this docket. No party attending the conference objected to the petitions. I find that NewSun Energy LLC, NW NWEC, Renewable Northwest, and OSEIA has sufficient interest in the proceedings to participate and that their participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or delay the proceedings. <sup>1</sup> The petitions to intervene are granted.

The parties agreed that on or before December 15, 2020, Staff would file comments and a report from Consultant E3 regarding a proposed methodology for evaluating capacity across different applications. In January 2021, after parties have reviewed the Staff comments and report, a prehearing conference will be arranged to set a procedural schedule. Currently, this docket is not considered a contested case. The status of this docket will be reevaluated during the prehearing conference, after Staff's filings are docketed.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020, at Salem, Oregon.

Nolan Moser Chief Administrative Law Judge

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See OAR 860-001-0300(6).