BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

AR 659

In the Matter of Rulemaking to Update Division 82 Small Generator Interconnection Rules and Division 39 Net Metering Rules.

RULING

DISPOSITION: RULEMAKING COMMENT DEADLINE EXTENDED

The comment deadline in this rulemaking is now extended to November 29, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. The Commission seeks additional, specific comment regarding the proposed date when interconnection applicants would be required to use inverters compliant with the IEEE 1547-2018 standard in OAR 860-082-0030(1). In its comments filed on November 17, 2023, Staff proposed a start date of February 1, 2024.

This date may not be compatible with the process of updating utility handbooks. The proposed rule (860-082-0030(1)(b)) provides for a public comment period after the utilities submit their handbook updates for review. Therefore, a later date for the requirement in OAR 860-082-0030(1) may be appropriate, in order to allow sufficient time for utilities to submit handbook updates and for the public to provide comment.

Interested persons are encouraged to file written comments concerning the proposed rule revisions described above as early as practicable so that other participants can consider and respond to the comments before the deadline.

Please reference Docket No. AR 659 on comments and attach them as a Word or pdf file to an e-mail to the Commission's Filing Center at PUC.FilingCenter@puc.oregon.gov. Additional information on requirements for filings can be found at OAR 860-001-0140 through 860-001-0160 and in the notice of proposed rulemaking.

Dated this 20th day of November, 2023 at Salem, Oregon.

Christopher J. Allwein Administrative Law Judge

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