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In the Matter of)	
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY)))	MEMORANDUM
2007 Integrated Resource Plan.)	

DISPOSITION: SCHEDULE MODIFIED

By motion filed February 28, 2008, Michael Weirich, attorney for the Commission Staff, asks that the Commission suspend the current schedule in this case, and that the ALJ schedule another prehearing conference as soon as is "reasonably convenient." Staff had not had the opportunity to contact other parties before filing its motion. As grounds for the motion, Mr. Weirich states that "staff finds it will need an extended, but still undetermined amount of time" to complete its review of PGE's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP).

On March 3, 2008, J. Richard George, attorney for PGE, filed a response to Staff's motion. PGE strongly objects to an indefinite suspension of the procedural schedule, including the cancellation of the currently scheduled March 11, 2008, Commission public meeting set for acknowledgement of PGE's IRP. In his reply, Mr. George recites the history of the proceeding and indicates that PGE is not aware of any dispute with any party that is unresolved. Mr. George warns of the potential for customer harm that may result from delay, particularly on account of competition among utilities for renewable resources.

In the event that a delay is allowed, PGE proposes that the prehearing conference be set for March 11, 2008. On March 4, 2008, Mr. Weirich filed a response to PGE's reply. Mr. Weirich suggested that a prehearing conference be set for March 11, 2008, "or another available date that same week."

The schedule is vacated. The March 11, 2008, public meeting is postponed. A prehearing conference is set for March 14, 2008. The notice of prehearing conference accompanies this memorandum.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 4th day of March, 2008.

Patrick Power Administrative Law Judge