BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1719

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON,

CORRECTED MEMORANDUM

Investigation to Explore Issues Related to a Renewable Generator's Contribution to Capacity.

This memorandum summarizes the guidance that Chief Administrative Law Judge Michael Grant and I provided to the parties at a May 5, 2015 workshop.

First, we confirmed that this docket is a contested case proceeding.¹ I acknowledge the parties' preference for filing comments instead of testimony, and will explore this option at a later prehearing conference after the Commission workshop.

Second, the Commissioners have asked the parties to organize a panel of independent experts to address methodologies to determine a renewable generator's contribution to capacity. The role of the experts is limited to providing background information on these matters at a half-day Commission workshop. The utilities will not make presentations at the workshop, though they will be available for Commissioners' questions that may arise.

By May 27, 2015, <u>Staff</u> the parties should file a report identifying the independent experts, a date for the Commission workshop, and a draft agenda. Possible dates are now limited to July 8, or 9, or August 10, 12, 13, 17, 18, or 19. Once that information is submitted, I will schedule another prehearing conference prior to the Commission workshop.

Dated this 11th day of May, 2015, at Salem, Oregon.

Sarah Rowe Administrative Law Judge

¹ See Internal Operating Guidelines available at: http://www.puc.state.or.us/conmission/Internal%20Operating%20Guidelines.pdf