

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1719

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,

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

MEMORANDUM
AND
NOTICE OF PREHEARING
CONFERENCE

In Order No. 15-077, the Commission opened this docket to explore issues related to a renewable generator's contribution to capacity. Last week, three independent experts provided background information to the Commissioners on certain methodologies to determine contribution to capacity.

As a next step in this investigation, the Commission wants to hear from the parties on issues related to a renewable generator's contribution to capacity. In two rounds of simultaneous filings, the Commission requests all parties address, at a minimum, the following matters:

1. The preferred methodology to calculate a renewable generator's contribution to capacity; and
2. The pros and cons of:
 - a. Using an Effective Load Carrying Capability (ELCC) calculation;
 - b. Requiring an alternative or approximation method to be benchmarked against an ELCC calculation; and
 - c. Requiring the utilities to use the same calculation method.

Accordingly, notice is given that a prehearing conference will be held to adopt a procedural schedule. At the conference we will discuss whether the filings should be made as comments, or as testimony that will allow an opportunity for hearing.

The prehearing conference will be held as follows:

DATE: September 9, 2015

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
LAW JUDGE:** Sarah Rowe

LOCATION: Public Utility Commission
Hearing Room
201 High Street SE, Suite 100
Salem, Oregon 97301

Please contact AHD at (503) 378-6678 or e-mail to puc.hearings@state.or.us for the dial-in number and participant access code by close of business September 8.

Dated this 25th day of August, 2015, at Salem, Oregon.



Sarah Rowe
Administrative Law Judge