ISSUED: December 26, 2017

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1877-UM 1882, UM 1884-UM 1886, UM 1888-UM 1890

In the Matters of

BOTTLENOSE SOLAR, LLC; VALHALLA SOLAR, LLC; WHIPSNAKE SOLAR, LLC; SKYWARD SOLAR, LLC; LEATHERBACK SOLAR, LLC; PIKA SOLAR, LLC; COTTONTAIL SOLAR, LLC; OSPREY SOLAR, LLC; WAPITI SOLAR, LLC; BIGHORN SOLAR, LLC; MINKE SOLAR LLC; HARRIER SOLAR LLC,

RULING

Complainants,

v.

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTIRC COMPANY,

Defendant.

DISPOSITION: MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME GRANTED

On Thursday, December 21, 2017, the above-named complainants filed a motion to compel discovery against defendant Portland General Electric Company (PGE). ¹ Complainants requested expedited consideration of the motion. In support of the motion, complainants state that their opening testimony is due February 12, 2018, (approximately 7 ½ weeks from the date of the filing of the motion) and therefore seek to have PGE be required to provide the requested documents no later than January 12, 2018. Complainants assert that, pursuant to OAR 860-001-0420 and 860-001-0500, they have made a good faith effort to resolve the dispute.

¹ On December 5, 2017, PGE had notified complainants that it would not provide responses to certain data requests.

On Friday, December 22, 2017, PGE filed a motion for extension of time to respond to complainants' motion to compel.² PGE argues that, while the Commission's rules provide for a two-week period to respond to complainants' motion, in this instance, there is good cause to allow for additional time: the two-week period includes national holidays and falls at a time when many participants in this proceeding have scheduled vacation plans.

PGE further asserts that it had sought, without success, a mutually-agreeable delay of one week in which to file its response. PGE states that a delay of the response deadline to January 11, 2018, will accommodate preexisting vacation schedules and provide PGE with the typical two-week working period to develop its response in opposition to the complainants' motion to compel.

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The motion is granted. In light of the foregoing circumstances, I find that the request of Portland General Electric Company is reasonable and will not unduly delay the proceedings, burden the record or disadvantage the parties.

Dated this 26th day of December, 2017, at Salem, Oregon.

Allan J Arlow Administrative Law Judge

² Absent any extension, the application of OAR 860-001-0420(4) to the instant circumstances would cause PGE to file its response to the motion to compel no later than January 4, 2018.