

ISSUED: January 25, 2010

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

LC 50

In the Matter of

IDAHO POWER COMPANY

2009 Integrated Resource Plan.

**PREHEARING CONFERENCE
MEMORANDUM**

DISPOSITION: PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE ESTABLISHED

On January 25, 2010, a prehearing conference was held in this docket. Representatives from the Public Utility of Oregon Commission Staff (Staff), Idaho Power Company (Idaho Power), the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon, Stop Idaho Power, the Oregon Department of Energy, the Renewable Northwest Project, the Malheur County Planning Department, and the Bonneville Power Administration participated in the conference. The purpose of the conference was to set a procedural schedule for the docket and to discuss Stop Idaho Power's motion for a hearing in Ontario, Oregon (filed January 20, 2010).

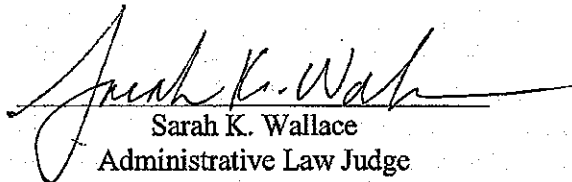
The Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) clarified the limited role of the Commission in Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) dockets. Specifically, the ALJ stated that the Commission's role in reviewing an IRP is to determine whether the IRP meets the substantive and procedural guidelines in Order No. 07-002 (Docket UM 1056). The Commission generally does not address specific resources, but rather determines whether the utility has proposed a portfolio of resources to meet its energy demand that presents the best combination of cost and risk. See Order No. 07-002 at 25. Commission acknowledgement of an IRP means only that the Commission finds that the utility's preferred portfolio is reasonable at this time. See *id.* at 16. An acknowledgement order is not a final order subject to judicial review because it does not "preclude further agency consideration of the subject matter" of the order. ORS 183.310.

After a thorough discussion of the Commission's role in an IRP docket, Stop Idaho Power stated that it no longer thought a hearing in Ontario was necessary. The ALJ admitted the record in Docket No. LC 41, which largely consists of public comments regarding Idaho Power Company's proposal to construct a transmission line in eastern Oregon, as part of the record in this docket.

The parties proposed the following schedule, which is adopted:

Idaho Power Presentation at Commission Public Meeting	February 23, 2010, 9:30 a.m. Main Hearing Room
Parties' Workshop	February 23, 2010 (immediately following Public Meeting)
Intervenor Comments Due	March 16, 2010
Idaho Power's Reply Comments Due	April 6, 2010
Staff Comments and Draft Order Due	May 4, 2010
Idaho Power and Intervenor Replies to Staff Comments and Staff's Draft Order Due	June 2, 2010
Staff Public Meeting Memorandum Due	June 17, 2010
Final Commission Public Meeting	June 22, 2010, 9:30 a.m. Main Hearing Room

Dated this 25th day of January, 2010, at Salem, Oregon.


Sarah K. Wallace
Administrative Law Judge