ISSUED: September 9, 2015

## 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. PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM

On September 9, 2015, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon held a prehearing conference in this docket. Representatives appeared on behalf of Portland General Electric Company; Commission Staff; Idaho Power Company; the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities; PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power; Renewable Northwest; and the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon.

## **Procedural Schedule**

The parties agreed to the following procedural schedule, which was adopted:

EVENT	DATE
Opening Testimony due	December 14, 2015
Settlement Conference <sup>1</sup>	January 14, 2016
Reply Testimony due	February 17, 2016
Prehearing Briefs due	March 11, 2016
Parties Cross-Examination Statements due	March 15, 2016
Parties' Cross-Examination Exhibits due	March 30, 2016
Hearing	April 13, 2016
Opening Briefs due	May 4, 2016
Reply Briefs due	May 18, 2016
Oral Arguments	TBD

As a reminder, the August 25<sup>th</sup> memo in this docket asks that all parties address, at a minimum, the following matters:

1. The preferred methodology to calculate a renewable generator's contribution to capacity; and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The settlement conference date is included in the schedule for the parties' convenience. The parties do not need Commission approval to reschedule the settlement conference.

- 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.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup>day of September, 2015, at Salem, Oregon.

Sarah Rowe Administrative Law Judge