

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of Rulemaking Regarding
Allowances for Diverse Ownership of
Renewable Energy Resources.

NOTICE OF COMMISSION
WORKSHOP AND AGENDA

The Public Utility Commission of Oregon will hold a Commission workshop in this docket as follows:

DATE: March 6, 2018

TIME: 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

On January 25, 2018, Chief Administrative Law Judge Michael Grant issued a notice requesting comment from Staff and stakeholders on four major policy questions in this docket. These questions are repeated below:

1. Is it appropriate to allow exemptions from certain competitive bidding rule sections if a Request for Proposal (RFP) does not incorporate or consider electric company ownership of resources?

2. Is the engagement and participation of an Independent Evaluator (IE) in the competitive bidding process valuable regardless of whether the RFP contemplates utility resource ownership options?

3. Can or should electric companies be compelled or encouraged to offer electric company owned facilities to bidders proposing non-utility owned resources if the same sites are utilities for benchmark or electric company owned bids?

4. Should transmission activity be subject to competitive bidding requirements?

Comments were due from Staff and stakeholders on February 14, and reply comments on February 26, 2018. PUC Staff; Portland General Electric Company, Idaho Power Company and PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power jointly (Joint Utilities); Renewable Northwest; the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board; Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities; and Northwest Independent Power Producers Coalition provided comments in response to these questions.

Commissioners will review the comments submitted by stakeholders and Staff prior to the workshop. Stakeholders should be prepared to discuss their filed comments in addition to two additional issues identified by the Joint Utilities:

5. Should the role of the IE be expanded to require scoring of all bids for RFPs that include a utility ownership option?

6. Should the Commission establish a third-party financial due diligence review?

This workshop is intended to review these policy issues and provide any appropriate policy direction.

Stakeholders will be invited to provide their perspective on these policy issues to the Commission. Commissioners will then ask stakeholders questions, in preparation for a discussion of any appropriate policy guidance in this docket.

We plan to follow the following order for this workshop:

1. Input from stakeholders on questions from the Notice and the questions posed by the Joint Utilities.
2. Break.
3. Commissioner discussion and consideration of policy direction in the docket. Staff will be invited to participate, and the Commissioners may ask questions of stakeholders in this phase of the workshop.

This workshop will be broadcast via our website at www.puc.state.or.us. To allow for set-up of the hearing room, parties are asked to RSVP by March 5 to the Administrative Hearings Division by telephone (503-378-6678) or by e-mail (puc.hearings@state.or.us).

Dated this 2nd day of March, 2018 at Salem, Oregon.

Lisa D. Hardie

Stephen M. Bloom

Megan W. Decker

Chair

Commissioner

Commissioner

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