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## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

## **OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,

NOTICE

Application for Approval of Final Draft 2017R Request for Proposals.

## DISPOSITION: SCHEDULE ADOPTED IN PART, MODIFIED IN PART

This notice provides information on our expected schedule for addressing PacifiCorp's 2017R RFP. PacifiCorp and Staff both filed proposed schedules with dates for filing the shortlist and Independent Evaluator (IE) closing report. We slightly modify these dates to allow all parties to file comments in advance of the March 27, 2018 Public Meeting. Parties are reminded to timely file comments to allow us the opportunity to review all comments in advance and to be better prepared to ask questions of Staff and parties during our deliberations.

EVENT	PACIFICORP'S	STAFF'S	ADOPTED DATES
	PROPOSAL	PROPOSAL	
RFP final shortlist	February 16, 2018	unchanged	February 16, 2018
with IE closing report			
filed with the			
Commission			
Parties' Comments on	February 22, 2018	March 5, 2018	March 2, 2018
IE Closing Report			1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 -
PacifiCorp's Reply	None	None	March 16, 2018
Comments			
Staff Public Meeting	None	None	March 22, 2018
Report Posted			
Commission to	March 27, 2018,	unchanged	March 27, 2018,
deliberate	9:30 am Regular		9:30 am Regular
acknowledgement of	Public Meeting		Public Meeting
the final shortlist			

We also note that Caithness Beaver Creek, LLC, filed a motion to modify the conditions in our order approving the 2017R RFP, Order No. 17-345. Caithness Beaver Creek explains

that it submitted project proposals in the 2017R RFP for wind generation with on-site battery storage options. PacifiCorp determined these bids were non-conforming under the eligibility requirements in the RFP. Caithness asks us to modify the eligibility requirements so that a wind proposal with a storage component is not disqualified as a "technology risk." PacifiCorp, Northwest Intermountain Power Producers Coalition (NIPPC), and Commission Staff filed comments on Caithness Beaver Creek's motion.

In order to hear directly from the IE on Caithness Beaver Creek's motion, we will address this issue at the March 27, 2018 Public Meeting when we deliberate acknowledgement of the shortlist. Appendix M of the 2017R RFP describes several of the IE's duties that are relevant here, including:

- Whether a bidder has met the criteria specified in any bidding process and whether to reject or accept non-conforming bid responses;
- Whether to reject non-conforming bids for any reason or accept conforming changes; and
- Analyze and attempt to mediate disputes that arise in the solicitation process with PacifiCorp and/or bidders, and present recommendations for resolution of unresolved disputes to the Commissions.

Ahead of the March 27, 2018 Public Meeting, we ask PacifiCorp and the IE to provide more information on the Caithness Beaver Creek bids. We currently do not have enough information on the bids to fully consider the issues raised and to understand the implications of granting or denying Caithness' motion.

Made, entered, and effective

JAN 26 2018

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Chair

Stephen M. Bloom Commissioner

Megan W. Decker

Commissioner

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order under ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-001-0720. A copy of the request must also be served on each party to the proceedings as provided in OAR 860-001-0180(2). A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Circuit Court for Marion County in compliance with ORS 183.484.