

ISSUED: June 6, 2005

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1056

In the Matter of an Investigation into Integrated)
Resource Planning Requirements.) MEMORANDUM

DISPOSITION: ISSUES LIST ADOPTED

On April 21, 2005, a proposed issues list was submitted. Rather than redraft the issues list, I will comment on specific matters contained within the issues list. The comments are intended to provide direction to the group as they formulate proposals in the docket.

The Commission believes that the integrated resource planning (IRP) process generally works. They want to maintain the acknowledgment of general, and not specific, resources in an IRP, which would be filed every two to three years. The Commission would like the IRP process to remain outside the contested case process, and not involve any ratemaking decisions.

The Commission wants an annual action plan from the utility. The annual plan is to provide an assessment of what has changed since the IRP was acknowledged. This annual process need not be formal, but it is more than simply a “check-in” of changes. Finally, the Commission wants information if there is a significant change, even after the annual process.

The IRP should address demand response resources. I am also interested in parties’ opinions as to what extent the IRP should address transmission issues, including the construction of new transmission lines.

The Commission wants the parties to comment on the type of risk analysis to be used in the IRP process. Further, the parties should present several options, if possible, regarding how the Commission should make its decision in light of the various risks involved.

The Commission wants the IRP to occur first, with the request for proposals (RFPs) to follow. (More discussion regarding RFPs will be included in the memorandum for docket UM 1182.) Understanding this, the parties should address how the Commission will obtain the necessary information to review the resource mix.

It is my preference that the orders in UM 1056 and UM 1182 be issued simultaneously. I will attend the first part of the workshop to review and answer any questions in light of this memorandum.

Dated this 6th day of June, 2005.

Kathryn A. Logan
Administrative Law Judge