ISSUED: March 31, 2004

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1066

In the Matter of an Investigation Into	)	
Regulatory Policies Affecting New	)	RULING
Resource Development.	)	

DISPOSITION: WORKSHOPS TO BE SCHEDULED

In these proceedings, the parties have discussed various proposals to allow customers to opt out of new generating resources. Most parties are in agreement that an opt-out mechanism is needed whichever decision, cost or market, is made by the Commission. Because the Commission will be making new resource decisions in the near future, the Commission wants the parties to develop large customer opt-out proposals now.

Therefore, I am directing Staff to schedule workshops with the parties as soon as possible to work out the details for large customers to opt out of new long-term resources. The parties should first focus on an opt-out proposal for PGE, and then move on to a PacifiCorp proposal, assuming that different proposals are needed for each utility. Ideally, this process should be completed within 45 days of the date of this ruling.

Staff is to provide me with a copy of the workshop schedule by April 9, 2004.

Dated this 31st day of March, 2004.

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Kathryn A. Logan
Administrative Law Judge