

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1505

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Solar Photovoltaic Program Draft.

PREHEARING CONFERENCE
MEMORANDUM

DISPOSITION: SCHEDULE ADOPTED; PETITIONS TO INTERVENE
GRANTED

The Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) conducted a prehearing conference (PHC) in this docket on October 14, 2010. Appearing in person at the PHC were: J. Richard George on behalf of Portland General Electric Company (PGE) and Kelcey Brown on behalf of Commission Staff (Staff). Participating via telephone were: Stephanie Andrus (Staff); Adam Schumaker on behalf of Renewable Northwest Project (RNP); Jocelyn Pease on behalf of the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU); G. Catriona McCracken on behalf of the Citizens Utility Board of Oregon (CUB); Joelle Steward on behalf of PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power; Christopher Dymond on behalf of Enxco; and Adam Lowney and Lisa Nordstrom on behalf of Idaho Power Company (Idaho Power).

This proceeding was convened pursuant to OAR 860-084-0450 which provides that “[t]he Commission must open a docket on or before November 1, 2010 * * * to receive public comment and recommendations on the draft reports prepared by Commission staff regarding the pilot programs.” Several weeks prior to the PHC, Staff circulated a proposed schedule. The proposed schedule provides for the report to the legislature to be filed on or before January 3, 2011.

At the PHC no participant objected to Staff’s proposed schedule. Accordingly, Staff’s proposed schedule is adopted, as clarified by this ruling.

The subject matter of this proceeding relates directly to two earlier proceedings (dockets UM 1452 and AR 538) in which this Commission adopted Oregon’s Pilot Program for Solar Photovoltaic Energy Systems. To facilitate public participation in this docket, comments filed shall be served electronically on all parties and participants in each of those dockets¹.

¹ The Docket UM 1452 and AR 538 service lists are located on the Commission’s website.

Persons who were parties or participants in those dockets may file comments in this proceeding without having first petitioned to intervene.

Prior to the conference, CUB filed its Notice of Intervention under ORS 774.180 in this docket on October 12, 2010, and became a party to this proceeding. RNP, the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), and PGE each have filed petitions to intervene in this docket. Having heard no objections to their intervention at the PHC and given my inclusion of the UM 1452 parties and AR 538 participants above, I grant the petitions to intervene of ODOE, RNP, and PGE. After the PHC, prior to issuance of this memorandum, petitions to intervene were also filed by ICNU and Idaho Power. I find that that Idaho Power and ICNU each have sufficient interest in the proceedings and that their participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or delay the proceedings. I grant their petitions to intervene, conditionally pending the expiration of the protest period.²

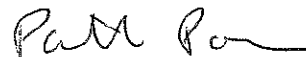
As discussed at the PHC, Staff will convene a workshop for parties and participants on October 19, 2010, beginning at 9:00 a.m.³ Additional workshops may be conducted without further authority from the Commission.

Staff's draft report is to be filed on November 9, 2010, and served electronically on all parties to this proceeding, and dockets UM 1452 and AR 538. Any party or participant to any of the three proceedings may file Comments on the draft report with the Commission (and electronically serve the parties) not later than November 23, 2010.

Staff shall post its final draft report on December 9, 2010, to be presented at the December 14, 2010 Commission public meeting. Similarly, any party or participant to this proceeding, UM 1452, and AR 538 may file (and serve other parties electronically) Comments on Staff's final draft report not later than December 14, 2010. Members of the public may offer oral comments on the final draft report at the December 14, 2010 public meeting, or in writing to: Public Utility Commission of Oregon, Attn: UM 1505, P.O. Box 2148, Salem, OR 97208, on or before December 14, 2010.

The date for the Commission's filing of the final report with the legislature is January 3, 2010.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 14th day of October, 2010.



Patrick Power
Administrative Law Judge

² See OAR 860-012-0001

³ Staff shall provide notice to all parties and participants of the conference.