

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1719

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,

Investigation to Explore Issues Related to
a Renewable Generator's Contribution to
Capacity.

MEMORANDUM

This memorandum summarizes the guidance that Chief Administrative Law Judge Michael Grant and I provided to the parties at a May 5, 2015 workshop.

First, we confirmed that this docket is a contested case proceeding.¹ I acknowledge the parties' preference for filing comments instead of testimony, and will explore this option at a later prehearing conference after the Commission workshop.

Second, the Commissioners have asked the parties to organize a panel of independent experts to address methodologies to determine a renewable generator's contribution to capacity. The role of the experts is limited to providing background information on these matters at a half-day Commission workshop. The utilities will not make presentations at the workshop, though they will be available for Commissioners' questions that may arise.

By May 27, 2015, the parties should file a report identifying the independent experts, a date for the Commission workshop, and a draft agenda. Possible dates are now limited to July 8, or 9, or August 10, 12, 13, 17, 18, or 19. Once that information is submitted, I will schedule another prehearing conference prior to the Commission workshop.

Dated this 8th day of May, 2015, at Salem, Oregon.



Sarah Rowe
Administrative Law Judge

¹ See Internal Operating Guidelines available at:
<http://www.puc.state.or.us/commission/Internal%20Operating%20Guidelines.pdf>