

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
COMPANY,

Investigation into Proposed Green Tariff.

RULING

**DISPOSITION: PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AMENDED; DATE SET FOR
CROSS-EXAMINATION STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

On July 2, 2020, Portland General Electric Company (PGE) filed a motion on behalf of the parties to amend the procedural schedule and requested expedited consideration as follows:

Staff and Intervenor Response Testimony	July 16, 2020
Settlement Conference (if needed)	July 29, 2020
PGE Surrebuttal Testimony	August 19, 2020
Hearing	September 29, 2020
Opening Briefs	October 19, 2020
Closing Briefs	November 2, 2020
Oral Argument	November 17, 2020
Target Order Date	December 15, 2020

On July 6, 2020, I issued a ruling granting the motion on an expedited basis and adopting the above schedule.¹ The schedule did not include a date addressing the submission of statements identifying witnesses for cross-examination and exhibits to be offered at the hearing.

¹ All dates requiring Commissioner participation are tentative and subject to the schedules and needs of the Commissioners.

On September 4, 2020, PGE submitted a motion to amend the above procedural schedule by adding September 15, 2020 as the date cross-examination statements and exhibits are due. PGE represented that the following parties do not oppose PGE's motion: Avangrid Renewables, Alliance of Western Energy Consumers, Oregon Citizens' Utility Board, PacifiCorp, Renewable Northwest, Walmart, Inc. and NW Energy Coalition.

Later, on the same date, the Northwest Independent Power Producers Coalition (NIPPC) filed an Answer to Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule stating that the September 15, 2020 date would be highly prejudicial to NIPPC and other parties because PGE has not yet responded to a number of outstanding data requests. The proposed date would, NIPPC asserts, provide it with only two business days to review responses, consult with NIPPC's own witness and members, determine the need for cross-examination related to such responses, modify its litigation strategy as appropriate and manage the associated administrative tasks, thus materially impeding its ability to prepare its case.

NIPPC proposes in the alternative that the date for the submission of cross-examination statements be set as September 22, 2020, a week prior to the hearing. NIPPC represents that Calpine Energy Solutions supports its proposed date. PGE has advised the Commission that it would not be responding to the NIPPC answer.

I find that NIPPC has shown good cause to modify the procedural schedule so that the date for the submission of cross-examination statements is September 22, 2020.

RULING

The Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule filed by Portland General Electric Company is denied. The request set forth in the Answer to Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule filed by the Northwest Independent Power Producers Coalition is granted. The procedural schedule is amended to provide that parties shall file cross-examination statements and exhibits on or before September 22, 2020. The remainder of the procedural schedule is unchanged.

Dated this 9th day of September, 2020 at Salem, Oregon.



Allan J. Arlow
Administrative Law Judge