

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

AR 622

In the Matter of
Rulemaking for Small Scale Renewable
Energy Projects.

WORKSHOP
AGENDA

This memo describes the Commission's goal, agenda, and process for the upcoming Commission workshop in this proceeding. As previously noticed, the AR 622 workshop will be held from 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm on January 29, 2019.

Background:

At the December 18, 2018 Regular Public Meeting the Commissioners described an information gap in the record of this rulemaking. The Commissioners directed Staff and the Administrative Hearings Division (AHD) to work to: (1) make Portland General Electric Company's information on small scale renewable energy projects more complete, and (2) to further understand the list of small scale renewable projects that PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power, provided. The Commissioners explained that the information gathering should be efficient and target the most important options. The Commissioners also stated they would like to understand the quantitative impact of Staff's recommendation, and to evaluate one more option.

To this end, in the last two weeks AHD and the utilities have exchanged information to update the data on the utilities' small scale renewable projects and to complete initial calculations that show the utilities' potential compliance positions under different rule scenarios. All of this information has been posted to the Commission's website for this rulemaking, https://www.puc.state.or.us/Pages/admin_rules/workshops/Workshop.aspx

Workshop Goal:

The key objective for the Commission workshop is to openly discuss the utilities' updated data for AR 622. The goal of the discussions is to leave the workshop with a common understanding of the options for numerators and denominators, and the quantitative impact of the different options.¹

¹ The numerators and denominators are used for calculating the percentage associated with small-scale renewable energy projects or facilities that generate electricity using biomass that also generate thermal energy for a secondary purpose.

Agenda and Process:

I will open the workshop with an overview of PGE and PacifiCorp's updated compliance templates, which are being posted to the workshop website concurrently with the posting of this agenda. We will then examine the utilities' compliance positions under Staff's proposed rules, and a few alternatives. The priorities for discussing numerator options are: (1) Staff's proposal for nameplate capacity in Oregon with Renewable Energy Credit (REC) ownership, and (2) nameplate capacity in Oregon without the REC ownership requirement. The priorities for discussing denominator options are: (1) Staff's proposal for a supply side nameplate capacity value that combines the sum of all utility resources and market contracts, (2) peak demand, and (3) peak demand plus planning reserve.

Our primary focus will be on the data, and stakeholders are invited to ask the utilities any questions about the data or to make any comments on the data. The utilities may also point out any corrections or changes that are still needed to update the data.

Once we have reviewed the data for all three options, we will then move on to the pros and cons of the different alternatives. I will provide a few initial points for discussion and we will proceed roundtable for stakeholder or utility comment. In considering the pros and cons of rule options, we will focus on the following factors: consistency with the statute, transparency, implementation, and striking the right balance between these three factors.

Finally, with any remaining time we will open the floor for stakeholders to make any general comments. This workshop is being noticed as a public hearing only (not a commission work session) and there will be no Commissioner deliberation or decisions made.

Dated this 28th day of January, 2019, at Salem, Oregon.



Sarah Rowe
Administrative Law Judge