

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

AR 622

In the Matter of

Rulemaking for Community-Based
Renewable Energy Projects.

STAFF'S WORKSHOP AGENDA

The PUC Commission Staff will hold a stakeholder workshop to review the comments recently received from stakeholders. The workshop will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 4, 2018, in the Commission's main hearing room in Salem. A call-in number will be provided.

The workshop will be conducted roundtable, and Staff invites stakeholders to further explain their written comments and to also address follow-up questions noted in the below agenda.

- I. Introduction – Staff (10 minutes)**
 - *Review activity that has occurred to date, the scope of the questions posed, the responses received, and how feedback received in the workshop will be incorporated into Staff's work on next steps.*

- II. Opening Question: Should the PUC engage in this rulemaking (20 minutes)**
 - *The utilities both said no, the statute is self-executing.*
 - *Seven of eight other stakeholders said yes, clarification is needed.*
 - *Staff asks for stakeholder discussion on compromise approaches to a rulemaking, such as a more limited scope or a more limited procedural schedule.*

- III. Measurement (45 min)**
 - a. **Electrical Capacity**
 - *Four stakeholders (including both utilities) said the relevant metric is nameplate capacity.*
 - *Two stakeholders propose capacity be measured by the effective load carrying capability, as in IRPs.*
 - *One stakeholder said average MWs is more appropriate.*
 - *Staff asks for stakeholder discussion on how each of these approaches are (or are not) consistent with other reporting requirements, and how*

each approach may be most appropriate for community-based renewable energy projects.

b. Aggregate Capacity

- *Nearly all parties agreed that it means the sum of capacity between utilities, with each responsible for their own share.*
- *Staff will walk through an example of this calculation and invite comment on stakeholders' agreement.*

15 minute Break

IV. Project Eligibility (45 min)

a. Process to determine eligibility

- *The utilities said the process is relatively straightforward: many projects are in ODOE's list of renewable portfolio standard (RPS)-eligible projects and listed in publically available WREGIS information.*
- *Many stakeholders suggested the PUC work with ODOE*
- *Staff asks for comment on what resources could be community-based renewable energy projects, but not RPS-eligible, and how eligibility would be determined for those projects.*

b. Resources eligibility

- *CREA & REC and BEF said no utility ownership, everyone else said yes*
- *Strong agreement about both PURPA and Community Solar projects counting*
- *Disagreement about both net-metered projects as well as REC ownership*
- *Staff asks for further discussion on the idea that only PURPA and community solar projects would qualify, and whether this is consistent with the stakeholders' understanding of the law, or whether it would exclude too many projects.*

c. Multi-state service territory

- *Both utilities said no locational restrictions are warranted*
- *Some stakeholders suggest only projects in Oregon should count*
- *Staff asks for additional comment on how a restriction to Oregon would or would not be consistent with other renewable programs.*

V. Compliance (45 min)

a. Agency responsibility, utility progress, compliance

- *Divergence between utilities and stakeholders whether the PUC should determine compliance (utilities say no, stakeholders yes).Utilities*

suggest continuing ODOE's process, stakeholders presented a wide variety of reporting progress.

- *Staff asks for additional comment on the potential format for the utilities to self-report compliance.*

b. Post 2025

- *Stakeholders suggest the mandate continues in perpetuity.*
- *Utilities suggest that the mandate does not extend beyond 2025.*
- *Staff asks for comment on how the requirement would be structured if it continued past 2025.*

Dated this 2nd day of October, 2018, at Salem, Oregon.

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