

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 2024

In the Matter of
ALLIANCE OF WESTERN ENERGY
CONSUMERS,
Petition for Investigation Into Long-Term Direct
Access Programs.

NOTICE OF COMMISSION WORKSHOP
AND AGENDA

The Public Utility Commission of Oregon will hold a Commission workshop in this docket as follows:

DATE: December 12, 2019

TIME: 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Public Utility Commission
Hearing Room
201 High Street SE, Suite 100
Salem, Oregon 97301

The Commission seeks stakeholder input and discussion on the scope, timeline, and process for this investigation, including potential grouping and phasing of issues.

At the workshop, Staff will comment on a list of key issues generated by parties in a prior workshop (see Attachment A), and identify any additional issues and initial process considerations. Each party will then have the opportunity to comment on the list of key issues, identify any additional or reframed issues, and offer proposals for process, grouping issues, and phasing the investigation. Staff may conclude with a process proposal for discussion. Throughout, Commissioners may ask questions and raise additional issues or process considerations.

Following the workshop, parties should propose to the Commission, jointly through Staff or individually through comments filed in this docket, an issues list and a process for the investigation. These proposals must be submitted no later than December 20, 2019.

Non-Contested Case Designation: We note that at this current stage of this docket, this proceeding is a non-contested case. A contested case notice was sent out along with a notice of prehearing conference on September 27, 2019; however, the prehearing conference was canceled. This case will proceed as a non-contested matter until such time as the Commission determines the appropriate process for addressing the issues in this docket.

If you have questions, please contact the Administrative Hearings Division by telephone (503-378-6678) or by e-mail (puc.hearings@state.or.us).

Dated this 14th day of November, 2019, at Salem, Oregon.

Megan W. Decker

Stephen M. Bloom

Letha Tawney

Chair

Commissioner

Commissioner

IF YOU HAVE A DISABILITY AND NEED ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT, PLEASE LET US KNOW (503) 378-6678, Oregon Relay Service: 7-1-1, or e-mail puc.hearings@state.or.us

ATTACHMENT A

Proposed Issues:

1. *Program Benefits*: What are the potential benefits to and potential harms to Cost of Service (COS) customers from Long-Term Direct Access offerings (LTDA)?
 - a. How can long-term direct access programs be structured to maximize these potential benefits?
 - b. Are there capacity benefits or related harms to COS when a customer elects LTDA?
 - c. How can long-term direct access programs be structured to minimize or eliminate these potential harms?
2. *Cost Shifting*: What cost shifts occur when load departs a utility?
 - a. What constitutes “unwarranted” cost-shifting?
 - b. Are PGE’s and PacifiCorp’s current long-term direct access programs structured in a way that avoids unwarranted cost-shifting? Topics may include:
 - i. Transition Adjustments and the potential for Capacity Credits
 - ii. Consumer Opt-out Charge
 - iii. Resource Adequacy
 - iv. Resource Intermittency
 - v. Freed up Renewable Energy Credits
 - vi. Legislative mandates
 - c. If not, how should these programs be structured to avoid unwarranted cost-shifting?
3. *Customer Limitations*: What limits, if any, should be placed on the ability of a customer to participate in a long-term direct access program? Including, but not limited to:
 - a. Caps
 - b. Election Windows
 - c. Customer Size Requirements
4. How should load serving entities plan in the short and long-term for direct access and all jurisdictional load?

5. Are current rules, regulations, and other programs preserving and protecting wholesale power markets?
6. How are other states handling customer choice and access to wholesale markets? Along with previously listed issues, topics may include:
 - a. Provider of last resort obligations
 - b. Deceptive marketing practices
 - c. Price disclosure
 - d. Data disclosure
 - e. General enforcement authority
 - f. Pricing of departing load
 - g. Market design and alignment with customer choice
 - i. What has worked well? What hasn't?
 - ii. How can these findings be applied to Oregon?