

**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.

RULING

DISPOSITION: TELEPHONE PREHEARING CONFERENCE CANCELLED

On August 13, 2019, the Oregon Public Utility Commission adopted Staff's recommendation to grant the petition of the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (AWEC) for an investigation into long-term direct access programs. On September 27, 2019, a notice was issued stating that a prehearing conference would be held on October 15, 2019.

On October 8, 2019, Staff filed a motion to cancel the prehearing conference.<sup>1</sup> Staff recommended that the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting time and location, originally reserved for the prehearing conference, instead be utilized for a workshop. The proposed workshop would be for parties to discuss the scope and next steps needed for this docket prior to a prehearing conference and the setting of a procedural schedule. Staff requested expedited consideration and properly noted that no party objected to cancelling the prehearing conference and conducting a workshop in its place.<sup>2</sup>

I find that Staff's motion is appropriate, unopposed, and is therefore be granted. The prehearing conference scheduled for October 15, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Public Utility Commission Hearing Room is cancelled. Parties are invited to attend and participate in a workshop to discuss the scope and next steps for this docket that will be conducted at the time and location noted above.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019, at Salem, Oregon.



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Christopher J. Allwein  
Administrative Law Judge

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to OAR 860-001-0420(2)(6).

<sup>2</sup> Staff solicited parties that requested intervention after the motion was filed, and indicated there were no objections.