BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON,

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Investigation into Treatment of Network Upgrade Costs for Qualifying Facilities.

DISPOSITION: SUSPENSION OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE LIFTED; EXTENSIONS OF TIME PROVIDED ON EXPEDITED BASIS

On June 4, 2021, a motion was filed by Portland General Electric Company, PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power, and Idaho Power Company (together the Joint Utilities) seeking extensions of time to respond to the motion to compel discovery filed by NewSun Energy LLC (NewSun). NewSun filed its motion on May 28, 2021, responses are due on June 14, 2021, and replies are due on June 21, 2021. The Joint Utilities request the following extensions of time due to the absence of critical personnel and the press of business: responses due on June 28, 2021; and replies due on July 20, 2021. As the docket has been stayed since January 21, 2021, the requested extensions do not necessitate other schedule changes, the Joint Utilities note. Due to the imminence of the existing due date, the Joint Utilities request expedited treatment of their motion. They represent that they contacted other parties and that the following parties affirmatively did not object: NewSun, Staff, the Alliance of Western Energy Coalition, the Northwest and Intermountain Power Producers Coalition, and Obsidian Renewables LLC. They also state that no other party responded with an objection.

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The procedural schedule in this docket was temporarily suspended pending the filing of a motion to compel by NewSun. As that motion to compel has been filed, the temporary suspension of the docket is lifted. Based on the Joint Utilities' representations that there are no objections to their motion for extensions of time and the imminence of the due dates at issue, I address that motion for extensions of time on an expedited basis. I find good cause to grant the motion for extensions of time, making responses due on June 28, 2021, and replies due on July 20, 2021. A prehearing conference to reestablish a procedural schedule in this docket will be separately noticed.

Dated this 8th day of June 2021, at Salem, Oregon.

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Traci Kirkpatrick Administrative Law Judge