
BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,

Investigation Into Resource Adequacy in
Oregon

Docket No. UM 2143

**PETITION TO INTERVENE OF
WALMART INC.**

Pursuant to ORS 756.525 and OAR 860-001-0300(2), Walmart Inc. (“Walmart”) hereby petitions the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (“Commission”) for leave to intervene in the above-referenced docket as intervenor to appear and participate as a party with full party status.

The grounds therefore are as follows:

1. The name and address of this Intervenor is:

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2. Walmart will be represented in this proceeding by its attorney:

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3. Please include Mr. Chriss, Mr. Kronauer and Ms. Baldwin on the service list for this matter.

4. Walmart is a large retailer with 45 facilities in Oregon and employs over 12,000 associates. Walmart's Oregon facilities take service from PacifiCorp, Portland General Electric, and several municipalities and electric cooperatives.

5. This investigation into resource adequacy in the State of Oregon was opened on the recommendation of Commission Staff in its Staff Report of January 7, 2021, and is the outcome of stakeholder discussions in Docket Nos. UE 358 and UM 2024. The purpose of the investigation is to potentially develop a resource adequacy planning process for electricity providers subject to Commission jurisdiction in the state. Any Commission determination in this proceeding will substantially and directly affect Walmart. Walmart therefore requests leave to intervene in the Docket to represent its interests that may be affected by the adoption of any resource adequacy planning process.

6. Walmart has a direct, immediate, diverse and substantial interest in the outcome of this case and the interests of Walmart will not be adequately represented by any other party to this proceeding. The rates that Walmart pays for electric service in Oregon and the services available to it may be affected by a Commission decision in this proceeding.

7. Walmart has not yet determined the extent of its participation or the precise nature of the relief that it will request but anticipates participating in this matter to the extent necessary to ensure its interests in Oregon are protected.

8. The interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding will not be impaired by the grant of Walmart's Petition to Intervene. Neither will Walmart's participation unnecessarily broaden the issues or burden the record in this proceeding. Thus, it is in the public interest to allow Walmart to intervene in this proceeding.

9. WHEREFORE, Walmart respectfully requests that the Commission enter an Order granting Walmart permission to intervene in this docket and to participate to the full extent allowed by the law so that it may appropriately represent its interests as circumstances warrant in this proceeding.

DATED this 14th day of July 2021.

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