

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 2274

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC  
COMPANY,

2023 All-Source Request for Proposals.

RULING

**DISPOSITION: MOTION DENIED AND SCHEDULE RETAINED**

On December 20, 2023, NewSun Energy LLC moved for a scheduling conference and to amend the current procedural schedule to allow stakeholders an opportunity to discuss and consider upcoming events that will likely impact the Commission’s final decisions in this docket. In particular, NewSun points to a pending order in docket UM 2273 and to the Bonneville Power Administration’s (BPA) pending 2022-2024 TSEP Report.

NewSun also points to BPA’s pending generator interconnection reform. NewSun argues that its proposed schedule changes would not necessarily require a delay in the current bid deadline of March 15, 2024, or the rest of the RFP schedule.

On December 27, 2023, Portland General Electric Company responded to NewSun opposing the schedule change. On the UM 2273 order, PGE notes that UM 2273 has never been linked timing-wise to this docket and that it will likely be received in advance of both the initial and final shortlists.<sup>1</sup> On BPA’s TSEP Report, PGE states that it has “introduced flexibility into the RFP to allow bidders to provide a transmission narrative regarding how their project may be uniquely situated in a way that could lead to delivery to PGE within the [commercial online date] COD window.”<sup>2</sup> PGE also notes that projects in the 2023 TSEP may not go into service within the COD timeline at all. Finally, PGE believes that its existing processes capture projects that are likely to get through the interconnection queue in time and that it is unnecessary to wait on BPA’s queue reform process.

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<sup>1</sup> See PGE Response at 2 (Dec. 27, 2023).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 3.

The Northwest & Intermountain Power Producers Coalition also filed a response to NewSun's motion stating that it is not opposed to slight delays in the schedule, but that any delays should not materially delay issuance of the RFP.

Having reviewed NewSun's motion and the responses to it with the Commissioners, I deny the motion and maintain the current schedule. First, the Commission's scheduling constraints argue in favor of the current schedule. Second, after having reviewed PGE's answer, I am satisfied that the RFP itself will likely not need to change as a result of UM 2273, the BPA TSEP, and the BPA generator interconnection reform process. Accordingly, this proceeding will continue on the current schedule.

Dated this 28th day of December, 2023, at Salem, Oregon.

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Katharine Mapes  
Administrative Law Judge