

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: August 20, 2013

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE _____ Upon Commission Approval

DATE: August 12, 2013

TO: Public Utility Commission

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SUBJECT: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC: (Docket No. UM 1020) Requests approval of Request for Proposals for Voluntary Renewable Energy Program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve Portland General Electric's (PGE or Company) Request for Proposals (RFP) for Retail Marketing Services for Residential and Small Commercial Voluntary Renewable Energy Program and/or Acquisition of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) to Offset Usage of Customers on the Program.

DISCUSSION:

On August 6, 2013, PGE filed its proposed RFP for marketing services and/or RECs for its voluntary renewable power program under the Portfolio Options available to residential and small commercial customers. The contract period is January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2016. The marketing services and RECs support the options available in PGE's Schedule 7 and Schedule 32. These schedules offer a fixed renewable option ("Clean Wind," available in 200 kWh blocks) and a renewable usage option ("Green Source").

This RFP is a continuation of the regular process initiated in 2001, in Order No. 01-470. PGE's most recent approved renewables RFP for the period 2010 through 2012 was approved in Order No. 09-308. A one-year extension to that contract, through December 2013, was recommended by the Portfolio Options Committee (POC), and approved in Order No. 12-285.

While prior RFPs have combined the marketing and REC portions, PGE is now allowing for separate bids for the marketing services and for the RECs. Because bidders may pursue one or both components, this change is likely to expand the number of respondents.

PGE provided the initial draft RFP to the POC for review in June 2013. A subset of POC members provided written comments, and followed up with a phone conference on July 1 to clarify the input. The comments were generally supportive; however, due to the abbreviated review period, the POC did not make a formal recommendation.

Subsequent to the POC review, Staff met with PGE to provide additional input. Staff requested that the Company add specificity regarding participation goals, REC supply expectations, and marketing cost management. The Company's final RFP substantively reflects those additions.

Staff recommends the final RFP be approved.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

PGE's Request for Proposals for Retail Marketing Services and Renewable Energy Certificates be approved.