



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
GENERAL COUNSEL DIVISION

April 18, 2018

Commissioners Hardie, Bloom, and Decker
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
201 High Street SE, Suite 100
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Status Report on Docket No. UM 1826
Investigation into Electric Utility Participation in Clean Fuels Program

Dear Commissioners:

Staff files this letter as an update on the status of this docket given that Staff's anticipated appearance before the Commissioners on the remaining issues in this investigation has been delayed. The last action taken in this docket was the Commissioners' adoption of *Principles for Credit Monetization* at a regular public meeting.¹

The remaining questions to be resolved in this investigation are:

- "What is the highest and best public interest use of credit value received by utilities from participation in the CFP?"
- "What are recommended programmatic and administrative structures for electric company participation in the CFP?"
- "What is the electric utility role under the CFP and the Commission's role?" and
- "What is the appropriate forum for resolving these and future issues associated with electric company implementation of the CFP?"

At the last public meeting, Staff discussed its plan for next steps, which involved stakeholder workshops to develop consensus around a set of *Principles for CFP Program Development*. Staff indicated that it anticipated returning to the Commission by mid-March 2018. Unfortunately, this aspirational deadline was not met. Staff has scheduled a stakeholder workshop for April 19, 2018 in Portland to begin working through the remaining questions listed above. Staff suspects a subsequent stakeholder workshop to follow before returning to the Commission at a regular public meeting with *Principles for CFP Program Development*.

Sincerely,

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¹ Please see Order No. 17-512 for Principles for Credit Monetization.