

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 2059

In the Matter of

PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER,

Application for Approval of 2020 All-  
Source Request for Proposal.

NOTICE AND AGENDAS

The Public Utility Commission of Oregon will hold two Commission Workshops to review PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power's Request for Proposal (RFP) final shortlist and sensitivities filing. This notice contains the Zoom meeting information and agendas.

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***RFP Shortlist Workshop #1***

**DATE:** June 17, 2021

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**MEETING TYPE:** Public Hearing and Commission Work Session

**PARTICIPATION:** Zoom Meeting

<https://opuc-state-or-us.zoom.us/j/84741484494?pwd=MEtOUhVLe1lCUFpjNUc5eGcycG05UT09>

Dial-In: 971-247-1195

Meeting ID: 847 4148 4494

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**JUNE 17 AGENDA:**

**Part 1: PacifiCorp Final Shortlist Presentation (2 hours)**

We ask PacifiCorp to present on the issues listed below. We will proceed through the list with Q&A from Commissioners, Staff, and stakeholders on each topic before moving on. Stakeholders may also make brief comments on issues of interest, time permitting.

1. Review the final shortlist facts, clearly showing the size of the shortlist (MW), the location of the projects (by interconnection bubble), the amount of each technology, and the proportion of contract structures (PPA vs. BTA).
2. The key drivers of the final shortlist selection, showing the impact of interconnection costs and generation costs.

3. The aggregate characteristics of the initial shortlist compared to the final shortlist. PacifiCorp should explain whether bidder cost updates or other factors were most significant in defining the final shortlist.
4. Projected annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions comparing: a portfolio with the final shortlist, the 2019 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) portfolio, and the 2017 IRP portfolio, as an update to Figure 1.12 from the 2019 IRP.
5. The capacity contribution of the final shortlist with an explanation of how the final shortlist resources will contribute to PacifiCorp's capacity needs from the 2023 planned retirement of Jim Bridger 1 and the 2025 planned retirements of Naughton 1 and 2.

**Part 2: Independent Evaluator (IE) Presentation of its Closing Report (1 hour)**

We ask the IE to present a summary of its closing report. The IE may highlight its work to evaluate the factors listed in OAR 860-089-0450 that could contribute to a build versus buy bias. The IE is also asked to present any other key issues from its closing report.

**Part 3: Stakeholder Issue Identification (30 mins)**

We will reserve a portion of the meeting for stakeholders to briefly identify and comment on other issues that they believe should be considered further during Commission review of the shortlist.

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***RFP Workshop #2***

We will hold a second Commission Workshop to focus on the sensitivities that highlight futures having fewer and/or less valuable off-system sales and an extended production tax credit (PTC). We originally required the sensitivities in our acknowledgement of PacifiCorp's 2019 IRP (Order No. 20-186 at 18), and considered PacifiCorp's initial analysis in a December 17, 2020 Commission Workshop. Since then Staff has worked with PacifiCorp and the IE to map out model runs to identify the potential cost of portfolios with different market prices, market sales revenues, and an extended PTC. We will compare model runs to learn about the scale of cost impact to customers in different futures, and to see what benefits hold steady across multiple scenarios. Below is the Zoom meeting information and the initial agenda. This agenda is subject to change.

**DATE:** July 8, 2021

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**MEETING TYPE:** Public Hearing and Commission Work Session

**PARTICIPATION:** Zoom Meeting

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Dial-In: 971-247-1195

Meeting ID: 871 5622 3055

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**JULY 8 AGENDA:**

**Part 1: Independent Evaluator Comments on the Sensitivities (1 hour)**

The IE is asked to present the most significant sensitivities and comparisons. The IE should explain why it focuses on those sensitivities. The IE should address:

- Which sensitivities show worst case outcomes, middle of the road outcomes, and best outcomes, and the likelihood of the different outcomes.
- How available strategies to mitigate risk to ratepayers would or would not impact the range of potential outcomes. Mitigation strategies to consider include: moderating the acquisition, pursuing specific contractual protections, relying on certain technologies, focusing on specific geographic locations, opportunities for off-ramps, and rate making approaches to accomplish risk/benefit sharing between the company and customers (such as fixed capacity factors).

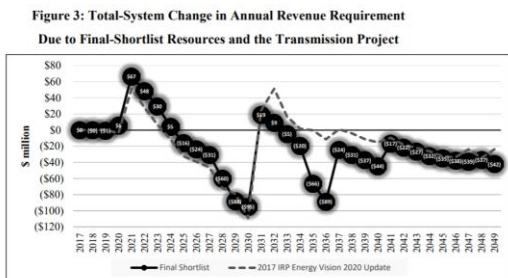
**Part 2: Staff and Stakeholder Comments (1 hour)**

Staff is asked to comment on its key takeaways from the sensitivity analysis. Stakeholders may also offer comments on the sensitivity analysis.

**Part 3: PacifiCorp Response (1 hour)**

PacifiCorp may respond to the discussion. PacifiCorp should also address:

- The year-by-year change in annual revenue requirement per Order No. 20-186 at 19. The format may be similar to Figure 3 in PacifiCorp's 2017R RFP Request for Acknowledgment:



- The amount of coal generation and off-system sales in a portfolio with the final shortlist compared to a recent year of actual generation.

- The risk mitigation strategies listed for consideration in Part 1 above, along with any others offered by the IE. PacifiCorp should discuss which strategies it plans to implement, if any, which strategies it does not plan to implement, and why.

**Part 4: Commissioner Questions and Discussion**

Commissioners may pose questions and invite discussion with all or a subset of stakeholders, PacifiCorp, the IE, or Staff.

**Part 5: Commissioner Discussion**

This portion of the meeting may be deferred until July 15, depending on the remaining time.

We will discuss the amount and type of uncertainty observed in PacifiCorp's shortlist. We may consider if transparency about risks and mitigation strategies in the final shortlist acknowledgement is relevant to our future prudence review that will consider whether PacifiCorp's actions were reasonable at the time, based on what was known or should have been known at the time. If so, we may discuss what analysis and risk mitigation strategies are most relevant for our future prudence review.

We may also address how to focus or structure the remainder of the process to further consider these issues before we act on the final shortlist.

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If you have questions, please contact the Administrative Hearings Division (AHD) by telephone (503-378-6678) or by e-mail ([puc.hearings@puc.oregon.gov](mailto:puc.hearings@puc.oregon.gov)). Once the final shortlist is filed on June 10, 2021, AHD may work with PacifiCorp, Staff, or the IE to determine whether confidential information needs to be covered. Confidential information in this proceeding is governed by Order No. 20-077, and parts of the workshops may need to be held in executive session under ORS 192.660(2)(f). Participation in an executive session would be limited to parties to UM 2059 who have signed the protective order and members of the news media.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021, at Salem, Oregon.

**Megan W. Decker**

**Letha Tawney**

**Mark R. Thompson**

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**Chair**

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**Commissioner**

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