

ISSUED: August 25, 2005

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

AR 499

In the Matter of the Adoption of Permanent)
Rules Implementing SB 408 Relating to)
Utility Taxes.)

MEMORANDUM

The Commission will be adopting temporary rules implementing SB 408 at a special public meeting on September 14, 2005. Temporary rules are only in effect for six months. Therefore, it seems prudent to notify interested persons of the schedule for the permanent rule docket as early as possible.

First, this memorandum is being sent to everyone who might be interested in participating in this docket. This includes the four service lists monitored by Administrative Hearings Division (rule lists for gas and electric, along with general service lists for gas and electric), the involved legislators outlined in ORS 183.355(15), and persons who have specifically indicated their interest in being involved. At the first workshop, a participant list will be compiled from persons interested in attending workshops and filing comments. Future mailings will be sent only to participants on this list, unless otherwise required by law. **If you wish to participate in this docket but will not be attending the first workshop, please notify Annette Taylor that you want your name placed on the AR 499 participant list.** She can be reached at 503-378-3943 or annette.m.taylor@state.or.us.

Next, the schedule for the docket is as follows:

ACTION	DATE
Workshop 1	September 28, 2005 – Main Hearing Room
Workshop 2	October 14, 2005 – Main Hearing Room
Workshop 3	November 2, 2005 – Small Hearing Room
Opening Comments due	November 15, 2005
Reply Comments due	November 30, 2005
Public Comment hearing	December 7, 2005
Adoption at Commission meeting	January 10, 2006*

*Public meetings for 2006 have not been scheduled.

This schedule takes into account the need to adopt rules in early 2007, the limited availability of hearing rooms in Salem, and the avoidance of previously established events such as the open houses and town halls in Docket UM 1209. Each workshop is scheduled for 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. The first workshop will address the questions set forth in Staff's August 12, 2005 letter, which can be found at <http://www.puc.state.or.us/leg/sb408/default.htm>.

Finally, I plan to attend the workshops. It is also possible that one or more Commissioners may attend. If two Commissioners decide to attend, the workshops will be noticed as public meetings.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 25th day of August, 2005.

Kathryn A. Logan
Administrative Law Judge