

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

AR 626

In the Matter of

Rulemaking Regarding Certificate of Public
Convenience and Necessity.

MEMORANDUM

On March 31, 2022, the Oregon Public Utility Commission filed notice with the Secretary of State to conduct a rulemaking for rules governing certificates of public convenience and necessity. Written comments were subsequently received from Idaho Power, PacifiCorp, PGE, the STOP B2H! Coalition, and from certain Oregon consumer-owned utilities.

The Commission held a special public meeting and rulemaking hearing on April 26, 2022. The Commission heard from several stakeholders during those two events. Subsequently, two informal meetings were held with various stakeholders to discuss land-use considerations and decisions. In particular, these discussions centered on the potential incorporation of a land use compatibility statement (LUCS) in the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity process as a means to satisfy applicable land-use portions of the proposed rules. A second rulemaking hearing, scheduled for May 24, 2022, was canceled on May 20, 2022.

In order to consider potential recommendations for the incorporation of a LUCS, the Commission is extending the deadline for written comments to Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. The Commission may incorporate recommended changes to any of the current set of proposed rules based on all comments received after the March 31 initial notice date and by the new deadline of June 22.

The Commission will then notice with the Secretary of State a revised set of proposed rules with the changes based on consideration of comments incorporated. The new notice will provide dates for a rulemaking hearing and a deadline to accept written comments on the revised set of proposed rules.

Therefore, please provide written comments as described above no later than **June 22, 2022, by 3:00 p.m.**

Dated this 8th day of June, 2022, at Salem, Oregon.



Christopher J. Allwein
Administrative Law Judge