

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

LC 73

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC  
COMPANY,

2019 Integrated Resource Plan.

MEMORANDUM

On January 27, 2021, we held a conference in this docket. The following entities participated: Alliance of Western Energy Consumers; Commission Staff; NW Energy Coalition; NewSun Energy; Northwest & Intermountain Power Producers Coalition and Renewable Energy Coalition (jointly); Oregon Citizens' Utility Board; and Portland General Electric Company. The participants suggested the below procedural schedule for processing PGE's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) update.

EVENT	DATE
PGE files IRP Update	January 29, 2021
<i>PGE makes Supplemental Filing</i>	<i>As soon as practicable</i>
PGE presents IRP Update at Regular Public Meeting	February 11, 2021
Participant Comments Due	March 4, 2021
PGE Reply Comments Due	March 18, 2021
Staff Report Posted	March 31, 2021
Participant Comments on Staff Report Due	April 6, 2021
Commission Decision at Special Public Meeting	April 20, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

NewSun opposes PGE's schedule, stating that it will rush stakeholder review. NewSun asks that stakeholders have a chance to review the content of the IRP Update first, and then reconvene in a few weeks to set a schedule that could reflect whether the IRP Update contains many or few contentious issues. PGE replies that an April 20, 2021 Commission decision is important in order for PGE to have up-to-date inputs for its May 1 avoided cost update. PGE states that the timeline proposed here is similar to its 2016 IRP Update acknowledgment process and already incorporates Staff's feedback for more time to review the filing.

Stakeholders, including CUB and NWECA, are generally supportive of the above schedule, and do not support or oppose NewSun's request. NIPPC and Renewable Energy Coalition note that PGE could seek waiver of the May 1 avoided cost update and incorporate the inputs from the IRP Update on a later timeline.

### **Resolution**

The above schedule is adopted with one addition—PGE must make a supplemental filing, as soon as practicable, that describes how its IRP Update might impact its avoided costs. This supplemental filing should be brief, as the intent is to get a very general understanding of the potential impact of new natural gas prices, carbon prices, and resulting wholesale energy prices; capacity contribution updates for renewable resources, and changes to the Production Tax Credit (PTC). PGE's supplemental filing in this docket will not displace PGE's full May 1 annual update filing which is typically made in docket UM 1728 and will have its own separate review process.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2021, at Salem, Oregon.



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Sarah Rowe  
Administrative Law Judge