ISSUED: March 21, 2023

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

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In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY,

MEMORANDUM

2023 Integrated Resource Plan and Clean Energy Plan.

On March 7, 2023, Portland General Electric Company filed a motion for a general protective order to govern the exchange of protected information in these proceedings.¹ In the cover letter, PGE anticipated that its 2023 Integrated Resource Plan and Clean Energy Plan (IRP/CEP) would be filed on or before March 31, 2023. In the letter, PGE also requested a prehearing conference (PHC) on or before March 21, 2023. The PHC request was unaccompanied by any reason for conducting a PHC prior to the company's submission of the filing.

I will not schedule a PHC at this time. Although an IRP is a non-contested case, an IRP typically involves many participants with disparate interests, once the substance of the IRP is known. Despite the non-contested designation of such proceedings, participants may file intervention requests to facilitate discovery and the exchange of relevant case information, including confidential information. At this time, since PGE has not filed its IRP/CEP, no persons or entities have indicated an interest in the case, other than the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board. Therefore, scheduling or conducting a PHC prior to the company's submission of its IRP/CEP is premature.

I anticipate scheduling a PHC after the IRP/CEP is filed. At that time, I will identify initial participants and a case schedule will be established.

Dated this 21st day of March 2023, at Salem, Oregon.

Christopher J. Allwein Administrative Law Judge

Ch. of Mh.

¹ In response to the motion, General Protective Order No. 23-071 was issued on March 8, 2023.