

ISSUED May 12, 2004

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 1050

In the Matter of	)	
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PACIFICORP	)	ALJ
	)	RULING
Request to Initiate an Investigation of	)	
Multi-Jurisdictional Issues and Approve an	)	
Inter-Jurisdictional Cost Allocation	)	
Protocol.	)	

On April 15, 2004, I issued a revised procedural schedule in this docket, stating:

1. On May 10, 2004, one of the following will be filed:
  - a) Joint testimony of the parties supporting a proposed MSP solution arising from the Hanfling mediation process or, failing such consensus,
  - b) A revised proposal sponsored by PacifiCorp.
2. The parties are not required to respond to PacifiCorp's original Protocol filing until further notice.
3. A prehearing conference is now scheduled for May 20, 2004. A copy of the conference notice is attached to this ruling.

On May 10, 2004, I received by fax a letter from PacifiCorp stating that it was not filing a revised MSP proposal. Rather, PacifiCorp circulated an updated Revised Protocol to the parties. PacifiCorp further requested to amend the procedural schedule by allowing its May 10, 2004 filing to be submitted on May 21, 2004.

On May 11, 2004, ICNU faxed a letter responding to PacifiCorp's May 10, 2004, letter. ICNU contends that it is confused about the current procedural posture of this docket, and asks for a ruling to clarify the procedural status.

I am not suspending the procedural docket at this time. Frankly, the original schedule only has two items after May 20, 2004 - rebuttal testimony (June 15) and a hearing (July 14). We will resolve those matters at the May 20, 2004 conference.

This has been a long process, with many hours dedicated by the parties to reach a multi-state resolution. I ask the parties to be patient for a bit longer. I assume that PacifiCorp will be able to advise us at the prehearing conference whether a proposed MSP resolution with joint testimony or a revised protocol proposal will be filed the following day. I also want an oral status report. We will then jointly determine the next steps in this docket.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 12th day of May, 2004.

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Kathryn A. Logan  
Administrative Law Judge