ISSUED: March 19, 2004

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

UM 1129

In the Matter of)	
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON)))	RULING
Staff's Investigation Relating to Electric)	
Utility Purchases From Qualifying)	
Facilities.)	

DISPOSITION: MOTION TO RESCHEDULE SECOND PREHEARING CONFERENCE APPROVED

On March 18, 2004, I received a letter from PacifiCorp representing that the parties attending the March 17, 2004 workshop in this proceeding agreed to modify the docket's partial procedural schedule. PacifiCorp indicated that the parties wish to add two dates to the schedule to allow for the submission of settlement proposals and a settlement conference. As proposed, settlement proposals would be due by 5:00 p.m. on April 8, 2004, to be followed by a settlement conference on April 13, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

PacifiCorp stated that parties agreed that settlement proposals would address Commission Staff (Staff) Issues 1 and 2. Parties also agreed that settlement proposals may address any issues deemed necessary to the resolution of Staff Issues 1 and 2.

PacifiCorp also indicated that parties desire to move the second prehearing conference from its scheduled date of March 23, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. to April 20, 2004, at 1:30 p.m. PacifiCorp had previously requested, by motion filed on March 17, 2004, that the prehearing conference be rescheduled to a later date.

For purposes of this ruling, PacifiCorp's March 18th letter will be treated as a motion to modify the procedural schedule in this docket and to withdraw PacifiCorp's prior motion to reschedule the prehearing conference. Pursuant to OAR 860-014-0010, a procedural conference may be postponed upon a showing of good cause. I find that the agreement among the parties attending the March 17th workshop to pursue settlement proposals demonstrates good cause to postpone the prehearing

conference in this proceeding. PacifiCorp's motion is approved, and the partial procedural schedule in this docket is modified as follows:

Settlement proposals addressing Staff	April 8, 2004, by 5:00 p.m.
Issues 1 and 2 due	
Settlement conference	April 13, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.
Prehearing conference	April 20, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Notices pursuant to the Commission's regulations will be issued as appropriate.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2004, at Salem, Oregon.

Traci A. G. Kirkpatrick Administrative Law Judge