

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1169

In the Matter of)
)
An investigation related to the) **RULING**
implementation of ORS 757.612.)

**DISPOSITION: PETITIONS TO INTERVENE GRANTED;
SCHEDULE SET.**

On November 2, 2004, a prehearing conference was held in Salem, Oregon. The following made appearances: Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU), NW Energy Coalition, PacifiCorp, Renewable Northwest Project, and Staff. On the telephone were representatives from Northwest Energy Efficiency Counsel, NW Natural Gas, and Portland General Electric Company (PGE).

Petitions to Intervene had been filed by Renewable Northwest Project and ICNU. There were no objections to those petitions. After the prehearing conference, the Northwest Energy Coalition also presented a petition to intervene. The petitions are conditionally granted pending the expiration of the ten-day period for objections. In addition, Citizens' Utility Board provided notice of intent to intervene. PGE and PacifiCorp stated that they intended to petition to intervene at a later date.

The parties agreed to the following schedule for the first phase of the proceedings, to determine the legal requirements, which I adopted at the conference:

Petitions to Intervene deadline	December 17, 2004
Issues lists	December 17, 2004
Workshop on issues list	January 13, 2005
Opening briefs	February 18, 2005
Response briefs	March 18, 2005.

The parties are to report on January 14, 2005, with either their consolidated issues list, as determined at the workshop, or with their proposed issues lists, so that a determination may be made before parties prepare their briefs. After the briefs are submitted, a determination of the legal scope of the docket will be made, and another prehearing conference will be scheduled to discuss the remaining policy issues in the docket, likely in April.

The dates for filing are considered "in hand" dates. Finally, I refer the parties to the Administrative Hearings Procedures for contested case proceedings, located at www.puc.state.or.us under the heading "Commission Overview."

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 3rd day of November, 2004.

Christina M. Smith
Administrative Law Judge