

ISSUED: January 30, 2009

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1355

In the Matter of the)	
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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF)	RULING
OREGON)	
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Investigation into Forecasting Forced Outage)	
Rates for Electric Generating Units.)	

DISPOSITION: CONSOLIDATED ISSUES LIST ADOPTED

At a Prehearing Conference held November 6, 2008, a schedule for this proceeding was adopted. The schedule set January 23, 2009, as the date by which all parties would file a list of proposed issues to be included in this proceeding.

By Ruling of January 26, 2008, an extension of time in which to file the list of issues was extended to January 30, 2009. On that date, counsel for the Commission staff filed a Consolidated Issues List (List) on behalf of all of the parties in the proceeding. A copy of the List is affixed hereto as Attachment A.

RULING

The Consolidated Issues List is ADOPTED.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 30th day of January, 2009.



Allan J. Arlow
Administrative Law Judge

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CONSOLIDATED ISSUES LIST

8 In accordance with the schedule in this proceeding, the Oregon Public Utility
9 Commission Staff, on behalf of the UM 1355 parties, respectfully submits this consolidated
10 issues list.

11 UM 1335 Consolidated Issues List

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- 13 I. What forecasting methodology should the Commission adopt for thermal generating
14 plants?
- 15 A. Should there be a different forecasting method for peaker plant versus base load
16 plant?
- 17 1. Are there any particular considerations (e.g. combined cycle plant
18 outage rate computations)?
- 19 B. Which forced outages should be included in the forced outage rate determination
20 (e.g. extreme events)?
- 21 1. What role should industry data play in this determination?
- 22 C. What methodology should be employed for treatment of excluded outages?
- 23 D. What is the appropriate methodology for calculating forced outage rates and how
24 should that be applied within the power cost model?
- 25 E. How should new thermal resources be treated?
- 26 F. What is the appropriate length for the historical period?

1 G. Should non-outage related adjustments be included in the forced outage rate
determination? If so, which non-outage related adjustments should be included?

2 H. Should the forced outage rate determination be adjusted when a new capital
3 investment improves reliability?

4 II. What hydro availability methodology should the Commission adopt?

5 III. What wind availability reporting method should the Commission adopt?

6 A. How should wind availability be appropriately applied to forecasting for a rate
7 determination?

8 IV. What methodology should the Commission adopt for planned maintenance (e.g.
9 average versus forecast) of thermal, hydro, and wind plants?


10 A. How should this methodology be applied (e.g. high load/low load split,
weekend/weekday split)?

11 V. What data reporting requirements should the Commission require regarding outages?
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13 DATED this 30th day of January 2009.

14 Respectfully submitted,

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