ISSUED: April 14, 2016

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1751

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON,

Implementing Energy Storage Program Guidelines pursuant to House Bill 2193.

NOTICE OF COMMISSION WORKSHOP AND RULING

DISPOSITION:

AGENDA ADOPTED

The Commission will hold a workshop in this docket as follows:

DATE: M

May 9, 2016

TIME:

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION:

Public Utility Commission

Hearing Room

201 High Street SE, Suite 100

Salem, Oregon 97301

In order to help the Commission provide guidance to the utilities in submitting proposals for energy storage programs under House Bill (HB) 2193, the Commission sets the following agenda for the workshop:

- 1. Utility Presentations: Presentations from Pacific Power and Portland General Electric Company on potential projects they may propose under HB 2193 (20 minutes each company) addressing the following questions:
 - a. What appear to be the most viable and beneficial applications of energy storage in your service territory over the time frame set forth in HB 2193 and what is the best technology or technologies to use for those applications? What are the most promising multi-application opportunities that exist over this time frame? Examples of applications include deferred investment in transmission and distribution, integration of renewable resources, peak shaving, regulation, and energy arbitrage.
 - b. Over the longer term, what is the application or applications of energy storage in your service territory that hold the most promise for benefitting customers and what are the most promising technologies to use for those applications?

- c. As of today, what projects are you contemplating and likely to propose under HB 2193?
- d. As of today, in deciding which projects to put forward, how will you evaluate the costs and benefits to ratepayers, utilities, and the general public?
- e. How should the Commission evaluate a proposed project? How should the Commission rank projects if multiple projects are submitted? What criteria should the Commission use to evaluate and rank projects?
- f. How strongly should the Commission encourage investment for different applications or in different types of storage systems? Is diversity preferable—or should the focus be on testing and developing specific uses and technologies over others?
- g. HB 2193 requires that each proposal include an evaluation of the potential to store energy in the company's system. How will you go about evaluating storage potential?
- 2. Staff Comments: Staff comments on these topics and response to utility presentations (15 minutes).
- 3. Intervenor Comments: Intervenor initial comments on topics addressed during the workshop are welcome but not required. If a large number of intervenors wish to comment, in the interest of time, we may call groups of intervenors together and allocate time to that group. A second prehearing conference will be scheduled after this workshop to establish a procedural schedule for this docket, including further opportunities for intervenor comments.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2016, at Salem, Oregon.

Ruth Harper
Administrative Law Judge