

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1953

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
COMPANY,

Investigation into Proposed Green Tariff.

MEMORANDUM AND RULING

**DISPOSITION: PARTIES PROVIDED INFORMATION ON FORMAT OF ORAL
ARGUMENT**

Pursuant to my Memorandum and Ruling issued on October 26, 2020, the parties each filed statements with respect to their intentions regarding participation in the oral argument scheduled to occur on December 3, 2020. Parties indicating their intention to make presentations at oral argument provided a list of the issues they intended to address and the amount of time sought to address each issue.

Upon review of the submissions of the parties, the Commission has determined that the format for the conduct of oral argument shall be organized by key issue groups, rather than by presenter and shall generally address the following Commission policy consideration priorities:

1. Program Size and Impacts on Non-Participating Customers—1.5 Hours

Topics of Commission questions may include, among others:

- Potential for cost- and risk-shifting generally, including unique impact of utility ownership;
- Impact of crediting mechanisms and IRP interactions on cost- and risk-shifting; and
- Impact of program cap and process for increasing program cap on potential for cost- and risk-shifting.

2. Competitive Market and Direct Access Interactions—45 Minutes

Topics of Commission questions may include, among others:

- Nature of impact on competitive market for providers of Direct Access and other independent power producers;

- Purpose of and proposed changes to VRET Condition 6; and
- Application of Competitive Bidding Rules to VRET resource procurement.

3. *Commission Follow-Up—15 Minutes*

The Commissioners may pose follow-up questions on the above topics, or other topics in the case, to participating parties.

Allocation of time among the parties shall be approximately as follows, with all times including time for the Commissioners’ questions and responses:

Issue	Order of Participants	Structure
Program Size and Impacts on Non-Participating Customers	PGE, NIPPC, Calpine, Staff	PGE opening (20 minutes); Listed participants (15 minutes each) Responses from other parties, if applicable (3 minutes each); and PGE closing (10 minutes)
Direct Access Interactions	PGE, NIPPC, Calpine, Staff	PGE opening (10 minutes); Listed participants (10 minutes each) Responses from other parties, if applicable (3 minutes each); and PGE closing (5 minutes)
Commission Follow-up	As requested by Commissioners	15 minutes total

Dated this 20th day of November, 2020 at Salem, Oregon.

Allan J. Arlow
Administrative Law Judge