

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1987

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
COMPANY,

Request to Update its Schedule 201 and
Standard Power Purchase Agreements.

MEMORANDUM

On February 19, 2021, the Commission denied a motion to lift the stay in these proceedings. The Commission determined that administrative efficiency would be best served by continuing to focus on the rulemaking proceedings in docket AR 631, addressing the procedures, terms, and conditions associated with qualifying facilities, including standard contracts. In doing so, the Commission indicated that docket AR 631 should be prioritized for prompt resolution and required Staff to provide updates in this docket. In the event that the proposed rules were not ready for adoption in docket AR 631 by the August 30, 2021 status update, the Commission directed Staff to include in its update a proposal for resuming docket UM 1987 and reaching Commission resolution no later than the first quarter of 2022.

In its update, filed on August 30, 2021, Staff reports that it intended to present draft rules to the Commission at the August 24, 2021 Regular Public Meeting, to commence the formal rulemaking process, but concluded that extending the informal process to allow for one more round of comments and further revisions to the draft rules was warranted. Staff reports that all parties submitting comments in the informal rulemaking process recommend continuation of the informal process to allow further refinement of the draft rules. Staff anticipates proposing final draft rules at a Regular Public Meeting in September. Even so, Staff included in its update a proposed procedural schedule for this docket, consistent with the Commission's directive.

Staff's updates demonstrate continued progress in docket AR 631, consistent with the Commission's request, as well as a plan for reaching the formal rulemaking process in the near future. In the event that Staff is not ready to propose final draft rules in September, Staff should instead provide an update no later than the September 21, 2021 Regular Public Meeting. As directed in the Commission's prior ruling, Portland General Electric Company must file a status report when the rules are adopted in docket

AR 631, including a recommendation on any remaining issues in this docket. In addition, at the Regular Public Meeting at which Staff proposes final draft rules, I invite Staff, PGE and other interested parties to comment briefly on the relationship between the scope of rules Staff proposes in docket AR 631 and the scope of the proposed contract modifications in docket UM 1987, in order to help the Commission determine whether to allow docket UM 1987 to move forward during the pendency of docket AR 631. I will not establish a procedural schedule at this time, but will continue to monitor the progress in docket AR 631, and may schedule a procedural conference to establish a schedule in docket UM 1987 as appropriate.

Dated this 1st day of September, 2021 at Salem, Oregon.



Alison Lackey
Administrative Law Judge