

ISSUED: January 11, 2006

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

AR 499

In the Matter of the Adoption of Permanent)
Rules Implementing SB 408 Relating to)
Utility Taxes.)

CONFERENCE REPORT

On January 10, 2006, numerous participants met to establish a process and procedural schedule for completing this docket. While the participants accepted the concept of drafting straw proposals, they decided they would rather meet as one large group rather than divide into three or more smaller groups to draft those proposals. The participants realized that drafting proposals as a large group would only work if they agreed to set out options and facts without arguing the merits of a particular proposal. The participants tacitly agreed on this point.

The participants agreed that there were more issues to resolve than the definition of “properly attributed.” The following process and schedule was established for identifying the issues:

EVENT	DATE
Draft & circulate issues lists	January 23, 2006
Staff compile issues lists & circulate	January 26, 2006
Workshop in Salem	January 31, 2006

The participants also agreed on additional workshop dates and locations to discuss and develop various straw proposals:

WORKSHOP DATE	LOCATION
February 9, 2006	Portland (location TBD)
February 23, 2006	PUC Bldg., Main Hrg. Rm. 550 Capitol Street NE Salem, OR 97301
March 6, 2006	
March 17, 2006	

The workshops will begin at 9:00 a.m. Staff will notify all participants of the Portland location once it is established for the February 9, 2006, workshop. At the February 23 workshop, the participants will determine whether the March 6 and March 17 workshops are needed. If not, those workshops will be cancelled.

The remainder of the schedule was not established by the participants, as it will be necessary to see if the large group is successful in drafting straw proposals. However, I have set the following as a tentative schedule, to be reviewed at the February 23 workshop:

EVENT	DATE
File straw proposals	March 24, 2006
Opening comments	March 31, 2006
Reply comments	April 7, 2006
Commission workshop	April 12, 13 or 17, 2006

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 11th day of January, 2006.

Kathryn A. Logan
Administrative Law Judge