BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1081

In the Matter of An Investigation Into)	ALJ
Direct Access Issues for Industrial and)	PREHEARING CONFERENCE
Commercial Customers under SB 1149.)	REPORT

On May 6, 2003, a prehearing conference was held in Salem, Oregon. The purpose of the prehearing conference was to identify issues that could be resolved in the next 60 days, to identify work groups for the issues, to set a meeting schedule for the next 30 days, and to set an agenda for the next meeting.

PacifiCorp, Portland General Electric Company (PGE), Industrial Customers of the Northwest Utilities (ICNU), Fred Meyer Stores and Quality Food Centers, a Division of Kroger, Strategic Energy LLC, Calpine Corporation, Salem-Keizer School District, Sempra Energy Solutions, West Linn Paper Company, Constellation NewEnergy, Inc., Oregon PUD Association, Nordic Marketing LLC, Oregon Office of Energy, Power Resource Managers LLP, EPCOR Merchant & Capital (US), Inc., Central Lincoln PUD and Staff made appearances. The participants agreed to keep the process informal through at least the first 30 days. Participants do not need to file intervention petitions¹, and formal filings of testimony or comments will not be required at this time.² Also, the workshops will not be on the record.

The following issues will be resolved within 60 days:

- 1. Duration and frequency of declaration window for the annual option; publication date for indicative or actual transition charges/credits and utility cost of service rates.
- 2. Shopping credit
- 3. Multi-year opt out options
- 4. Design and implementation of rate matrixes/rate calculators

No specific task force group was identified. Rather the participants agreed to hold four (4) workshops, at which any person may participate. These workshops will be held at the law offices of Ater Wynne, 222 SW Columbia Street, Suite 1800, (18th Floor of the KOIN Building) in Portland, Oregon beginning at 9:00 a.m. and will last all day. The dates for the workshop are: (1) Thursday, May 15, (2) Tuesday, May 20, (3) Thursday, May 29 and (4) Wednesday, June 4, 2003.

¹ Technology requires that all participants be currently designated as parties so that an email list is available to all. Once the docket enters a formal process, the party list will be modified.

² Electronic service to participants is acceptable. You will find the participant service list located at www.puc.state.or.us under eDockets.

The participants set the following agenda for the first workshop:

Declaration window (Issue 1)	9:00 - 12:00 noon
Rate Matrix - issue definition (Issue 4)	1 - 2 p.m.
Shopping credit (Issue 2)	2 - 3:30 p.m.
Multi-year options (Issue 3)	3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Finally, the Commission will be presented with an interim report on these four issues at a Special Public Meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2003 at 9:30 a.m.

Dated this 7th day of May, 2003.

Kathryn A. Logan
Administrative Law Judge