

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of)	
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PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER)	NOTICE
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2009 Renewable Adjustment Clause –)	
Schedule 202.)	

In response to the attached letter from the Citizens’ Utility Board of Oregon (CUB), the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) has added a renewable resources update for its June 10, 2008, Public Meeting. Because some information provided in the update might relate to the merits of an issue in this proceeding, notice is given to all parties of their right to appear and rebut any statement that might otherwise constitute an *ex parte* communication under OAR 860-012-0015.

Accordingly, notice is given that the Commission will hold a renewable resource update at its Regular Public Meeting scheduled as follows:

- DATE: Tuesday, June 10, 2008
- TIME: 9:30 a.m.
- PLACE: Main Hearing Room
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
550 Capitol Street NE
1st Floor, Main Hearing Room
Salem, OR 97301

VIA DIAL-IN: 503-365-4439, Code 6782#

As ports will be limited, please notify Carol Hulse, at 503-378-3885, by noon, Monday, June 9th, if you plan to participate by phone.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 14th day of May, 2008.

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Chief Administrative Law Judge



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April 30, 2008

Chairman Lee Beyer
Commissioner Ray Baum
Commissioner John Savage
Oregon Public Utility Commission
Salem, OR

Re: Utility renewable resource updates

Dear Commissioners:

We believe it is time to ask PGE and PacifiCorp to provide an update to the Commission and to customers regarding progress the utilities are making on renewable resource development. For some time, the utilities were providing quarterly updates at your regular public meetings. For the reasons stated below, we think it is a good time to ask for one of those updates.

First, CUB and other stakeholders are concerned about the process PacifiCorp has undertaken to acquire recent renewable energy projects. UM 1182, the Commission's competitive bidding guidelines, requires a Request for Proposal (RFP) to be issued for major resources, defined as 100 MW with contract length of 5 years or longer. To their credit, over the past two years, PacifiCorp has made an aggressive effort to acquire new wind projects and other renewable resources. However, it appears that PacifiCorp has made most, if not all, of these acquisitions outside of an RFP process. We note, in particular, the Company's three most recent wind projects in Wyoming. Each project is 99 MW, and there is some indication that PacifiCorp intends at least one of these projects to exceed 99 MW.

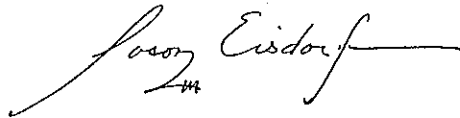
PacifiCorp has recently filed its intent to issue an RFP for renewable resources (See UM 1368). Perhaps through this process the Company and Commission can explore any problems/barriers within the existing bidding guidelines. But this does not mitigate our concern with the earlier acquisitions.

Further, it would be useful for PacifiCorp to update the Commission and interested parties on relevant commitments from UM 1209, including General Commitment 34 and Oregon Commitment 25. On January 22, PacifiCorp filed a letter with the Commission about the transmission projects included in General Commitment 34, indicating that one of the lines detailed in that commitment (Walla Walla to Yakima or Mid-C) was determined not to be economic. They propose two alternative transmission projects. Additional information about this decision and details about the alternative projects would be helpful.

Second, with regard to PGE, their most recent wind acquisition, Biglow Canyon, was justified using certain operating assumptions. It might be a good time to take an early reading on Biglow's performance so far, as well as their plans for expansion of that project

For these reasons, we believe the Commission should revisit its practice from the past few years to have both PacifiCorp and PGE provide periodic updates on their renewable energy acquisition process.

Respectfully submitted,



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