

ORDER NO. 13 298

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,

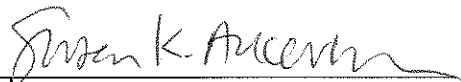
Request for Proposals for Voluntary
Renewable Energy Program.

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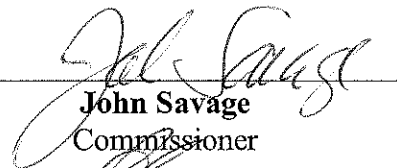
DISPOSITION: STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED

This order memorializes our decision, made and effective at the public meeting on August 20, 2013 to adopt Staff's recommendation in this matter. The Staff Report with the recommendation is attached as Appendix A.

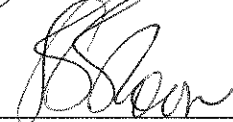
Dated this 21st day of August, 2013, at Salem, Oregon.



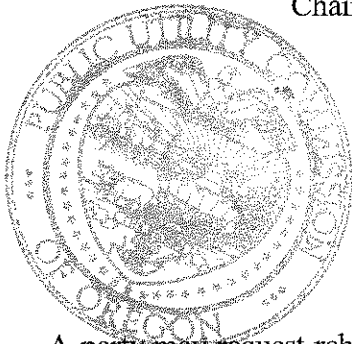
Susan K. Ackerman
Chair



John Savage
Commissioner



Stephen M. Bloom
Commissioner



A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order under ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-001-0720. A copy of the request must also be served on each party to the proceedings as provided in OAR 860-001-0180(2). A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480 through 183.484.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: August 20, 2013**

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE _____ Upon Commission Approval

DATE: August 12, 2013

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Brittany Andrus *BA for BA*

THROUGH: *J* Jason Eisdorfer, *MG* Maury Galbraith, and *AA* Aster Adams

SUBJECT: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC: (Docket No. UM 1020) Requests approval of Request for Proposals for Voluntary Renewable Energy Program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve Portland General Electric's (PGE or Company) Request for Proposals (RFP) for Retail Marketing Services for Residential and Small Commercial Voluntary Renewable Energy Program and/or Acquisition of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) to Offset Usage of Customers on the Program.

DISCUSSION:

On August 6, 2013, PGE filed its proposed RFP for marketing services and/or RECs for its voluntary renewable power program under the Portfolio Options available to residential and small commercial customers. The contract period is January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2016. The marketing services and RECs support the options available in PGE's Schedule 7 and Schedule 32. These schedules offer a fixed renewable option ("Clean Wind," available in 200 kWh blocks) and a renewable usage option ("Green Source").

This RFP is a continuation of the regular process initiated in 2001, in Order No. 01-470. PGE's most recent approved renewables RFP for the period 2010 through 2012 was approved in Order No. 09-308. A one-year extension to that contract, through December 2013, was recommended by the Portfolio Options Committee (POC), and approved in Order No. 12-285.

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While prior RFPs have combined the marketing and REC portions, PGE is now allowing for separate bids for the marketing services and for the RECs. Because bidders may pursue one or both components, this change is likely to expand the number of respondents.

PGE provided the initial draft RFP to the POC for review in June 2013. A subset of POC members provided written comments, and followed up with a phone conference on July 1 to clarify the input. The comments were generally supportive; however, due to the abbreviated review period, the POC did not make a formal recommendation.

Subsequent to the POC review, Staff met with PGE to provide additional input. Staff requested that the Company add specificity regarding participation goals, REC supply expectations, and marketing cost management. The Company's final RFP substantively reflects those additions.

Staff recommends the final RFP be approved.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

PGE's Request for Proposals for Retail Marketing Services and Renewable Energy Certificates be approved.

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