

ORDER NO 16 157

ENTERED APR 22 2016

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON

UM 1755

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
COMPANY,

2016 Renewable Portfolio Standard
Implementation Plan.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: RPIP ACKNOWLEDGED WITH CONDITIONS;
DOCKET CLOSED


In this order we acknowledge Portland General Electric Company's 2016 Renewable Portfolio Implementation Plan (RPIP) with conditions, including that PGE file a new RPIP by July 15, 2016. We close this docket.

On April 20, 2016, Commission Staff filed an unopposed motion explaining that after PGE filed its 2016 RPIP, the Oregon Legislative Assembly significantly amended Oregon's renewable portfolio standard in Senate Bill (SB) 1547. Because we are required under ORS 469A.075(3) to acknowledge the RPIP by June 30, 2016 (six months from the filing date), the parties agree that the best procedural path is for PGE to file a new RPIP that includes a complete analysis of SB 1547 and restarts the period for review. To that end, Staff requests that we immediately acknowledge PGE's 2016 RPIP with the condition that PGE rework and refile its RPIP, and close this docket. Staff's motion is included as Appendix A to this order.

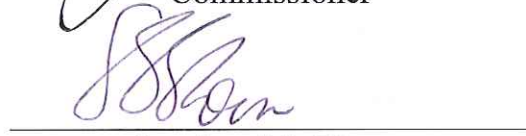
We grant Staff's unopposed motion. We acknowledge PGE's 2016 RPIP subject to the condition that PGE files a new RPIP by July 15, 2016, with an analysis of SB 1547 addressing the matters set forth in Attachment A to Staff's motion.

Our decision in this order to acknowledge PGE's 2016 RPIP does not represent a decision on the issues raised by Staff and the intervenors in this docket.

Made, entered, and effective APR 22 2016.


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.

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1755

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
COMPANY,

2017-2021 Renewable Portfolio Standard
Implementation Plan.

UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR COMMISSION
ORDER ACKNOWLEDGING PGE'S
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN WITH CONDITIONS
AND CLOSING DOCKET

Pursuant to OAR 860-001-0390, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Staff) requests the Commission to immediately acknowledge Portland General Electric's (PGE or Company) 2016 Renewable Portfolio Implementation Plan (RPIP) with conditions as more fully described below. Staff is authorized to state that all active parties to this docket either support this Motion or do not oppose it.

PGE filed its 2016 RPIP on December 31, 2015. ORS 469A.075(3) requires the Commission to acknowledge the RPIP "no later than six months after the plan is filed with the Commission. The Commission may acknowledge the plan subject to conditions specified by the commission." While acknowledging that PGE filed its Supplemental Attachment A, which contained information about SB 1547 and its potential impacts upon the RPIP, Staff determined that a more complete, thorough analysis was required. *See generally* Staff's Supplemental Comments. At its core, this Motion is presented in order to allow sufficient time for PGE to provide further information about the impact of Senate Bill (SB) 1547 upon its RPIP.

After discussion, PGE agreed to provide such an analysis but the Company also stated it would take several months to complete. PGE agreed to Staff's request that it use its "best efforts" to submit as complete, thorough analysis as possible by July 15, 2016. Staff has prepared Attachment A, included with this Motion, setting forth the topics it expects PGE's additional analysis will address.

1 After discussion, the parties agree that, in light of the time constraints set by ORS
2 469A.075(3), the best procedural path is for the Commission to acknowledge PGE's 2016 RPIP
3 with conditions. The conditions would include the following:

4 The Commission acknowledges PGE's 2016 RPIP accompanied with an Order finding
5 that the RPIP is insufficient in light of the passage of SB 1547. The Commission would further
6 require PGE to file a new RPIP no later than July 15, 2016. The July RPIP would be considered
7 an entirely new filing. The July RPIP filing would include a complete analysis of SB 1547
8 which addresses, at a minimum, the matters set forth in Attachment A to this Motion. In its
9 Order, the Commission would then close Docket UM 1755. The Commission's Order would not
10 address or represent a decision on any of the issues raised by Staff and the intervenors in their
11 comments submitted in UM 1755. Those issues would be considered preserved for further
12 resolution in the RPIP proceeding that commences with PGE's July 15 RPIP filing.

13 DATED this 20th day of April, 2016.

14 Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT A

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2 In addition to a providing quantitative analysis to meet 2016 Renewable Portfolio
3 Implementation Plan (RPIP) requirements, PGE should provide a complete and thorough
4 narrative describing its plan to satisfy the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) compliance
5 requirements of SB 1547 from 2017 through 2040.

6 At a minimum, the July RPIP should include:

- 7 1. A discussion of the differences between SB 838 (i.e. ORS 469A.005 to ORS
8 469A.210) and SB 1547, with supporting analysis demonstrating the impacts of those
9 differences on utility planning and operations decisions 2017-2040.
- 10 2. An analysis of these aspects of SB 1547: its elimination of the “first in, first out”
11 requirement, its creation of unlimited REC life status for the first 5 years of new
12 resources acquired between 2016-2022, its shortening of the standard Renewable
13 Energy Credit (REC) life, and the steep compliance rate increase between 2025 and
14 2030. In particular, the analysis should address how these aspects of SB 1547 affect
15 how the utility plans to optimize the mix of compliance RECs for least cost and
16 lowest risk.
- 17 3. A discussion of how the timing of new renewable resource acquisitions impact long
18 term cost of compliance with the RPS to ratepayers with supporting analysis
19 demonstrating these differences in timing. Under what conditions does the least
20 cost/lowest risk strategy to satisfy the RPS compliance requirements of SB 1547 from
21 2017 through 2040 lead to new resource acquisition prior to a physical need and how
22 will the utility evaluate this decision? PGE should provide a “tipping-point” analysis
23 that depicts when physical resource acquisition is more cost effective than buying
24 unbundled RECs.
- 25 4. A discussion of how key market assumptions impact the relative range of risk and
26 uncertainty related to cost over the compliance horizon. Load growth, hydroelectric

1 generation, project cost, natural gas and electricity market prices are some examples
2 of key assumptions to be assessed in this discussion.

- 3 5. Throughout the analysis, PGE should provide methodologies and assumptions used to
4 support the RPIP along with a narrative describing the reasoning behind the selection
5 of those methodologies and assumptions.