March 11, 2026

Docket No. AR 673: Implementing 2025 Senate Bill 845 Regarding PUC-Ordered Sale of Water Utilities

Enacted during the 2025 legislative session, SB 845 primarily authorizes the Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC) to order the sale of a water utility that is unable to provide safe and adequate service. The PUC must establish Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) to implement the provisions of SB 845, and has opened Docket No. AR 673 to address this issue. Below is the proposed schedule for the informal phase of the rulemaking.

AR 673 Informal Phase Schedule	
Activity	**Date**
Workshop 1 — discussion of Staff's proposal document	Thursday, March 26, 2026
Stakeholder comments/proposed edits due	Thursday, April 9, 2026
Staff circulates draft rules	Thursday, April 23, 2026
Workshop 2 — discussion of draft rules	Thursday, May 7, 2026
Stakeholder comments/proposed edits due	Thursday, May 21, 2026
Target date for posting PM memo	Wednesday, July 29, 2026
Public Meeting to request move to formal rulemaking	Tuesday, August 4, 2026

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