

AR 674 Rulemaking to Amend OAR 860-091, Small-Scale Renewable Energy Project Standard

This announcement outlines Oregon Public Utility Commission Staff's (Staff) proposed informal rulemaking schedule to consider changes to OAR 860-091, Small-Scale Renewable (SSR) Energy Project Standard, following Commission Order No. 25-232.

Background

[ORS 469A.210](#) requires that, for any electric company with more than 25,000 retail customers in the state of Oregon, at least 10 percent of its aggregate electrical capacity come from SSR energy projects or biomass co-generation facilities by 2030. The Commission adopted rules related to ORS 469A.210 compliance, [OAR 860-091](#), in December 2021. On May 2, 2025, PacifiCorp filed a [petition](#) to the Commission in Docket No. DR 58 requesting declaratory ruling on several SSR compliance scenarios. In particular, the Company sought clarification on SSR project eligibility as well as the calculation of its SSR compliance obligation. In Order No. 25-232, the Commission declined to substantively consider the petition and instead open a rulemaking docket to address outstanding questions about SSR compliance by amending OAR 860-091. The informal rulemaking process, docketed as AR 674, will conclude with Staff requesting that the Commission initiate the formal rulemaking process.

Next Steps

Staff intends to publish a straw proposal with amendments to OAR 860-091 on **August 5, 2025**. Following this, Staff would like to solicit feedback from stakeholders through a workshop and comment period, then publish draft rules on **September 2, 2025**. Stakeholders will again have the opportunity to provide feedback on Staff's proposal in a workshop and through comments before it is considered by the Commission at the **September 30, 2025**, public meeting.

Below is Staff's proposed schedule to bring this docket before the Commission.

Date	Event	Description
August 5, 2025	Straw Proposal	Staff will publish its straw proposal
Week of August 11-15, 2025	Workshop	Workshop to discuss Staff's straw proposal
August 19, 2025	Comment Deadline	Deadline to comment on Staff's straw proposal
September 2, 2025	Staff Draft Rules Posted	Staff will publish draft rule language to OAR 860-091
Week of September 8-12, 2025	Workshop	Workshop to discuss Staff's draft amendments
September 12, 2025	Comment Deadline	Deadline to comment on Staff's draft amendments
September 30, 2025	Public Meeting	Public Meeting to move to formal rulemaking
~ 90 Days	Formal Rules	Formal rulemaking concludes.

Staff will post the exact times of the stakeholder workshops along with the login details once it has had a chance to assess stakeholder availability and interest. Staff will also post any other changes to the docket page should any other circumstances warrant a change to the schedule.

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Questions

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