

1 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**
2 **OF OREGON**
3 **UM 1610**

4 In the Matter of

5 PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
6 OREGON

7 Staff Investigation into Qualifying Facility
Contracting and Pricing.

STATUS REPORT

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9 The Commission issued Order No. 16-174 on May 13, 2016, adopting several updates to
10 its policies implementing the Public Utility Regulatory Policy Act (PURPA). With respect to the
11 issue of how utilities should account for third-party transmission costs incurred to move a
12 qualifying facility's (QF's) output from a load pocket, the Commission concluded,

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14 [i]n Order No. 14-058, we deferred the questions of how to calculate and
15 how to assign third-party transmission costs attributable to a QF. Staff and
16 some parties request still more time to address these questions. We
17 understand there has been substantial progress towards resolution of this
18 issue. Rather than defer the issue to a Phase 3 proceeding, we direct staff
and utilities to work with parties to resolve how to assign third party costs.
We direct staff to file a status report within three calendar months of this
order indicating whether a resolution is forthcoming or recommending an
alternative process.¹

19 Staff submits this status report in accordance with the Commission's order.

20 Parties to Docket No. UM 1610 met on July 27, 2016 and August 10, 2016, to
21 discuss issues related to third-party transmission costs for QFs located in load pockets.

22 The parties participating in the meetings were unable to come to an agreed-upon
23 proposal to submit to the Commission. The parties participating in the meetings also

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26 ¹ *In the Matter of Public Utility Commission of Oregon Staff Investigation into Qualifying
Facility Contracting and Pricing, (UM 1610), Order No. 16-174 at 30.*

1 did not come to agreement on what process should be used to finally submit the issue
2 to the Commission.

3 Some parties requested opportunity to conduct additional discovery before
4 resolving what process is needed to submit this issue to the Commission (if any).
5 Accordingly, the parties agreed that they would report to the Commission in two
6 months on the status of this issue, including on whether there is agreement as to a
7 process for resolution.

8 Therefore, Staff asks that the Administrative Law Judge establish October 12,
9 2016, as the due date for another status report.

10 DATED this 12th day of August 2016.
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12 Respectfully submitted,

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