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Re: *In the Matter of PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON Investigation into Pilot Programs to Demonstrate the Use and Effectiveness of Volumetric Incentive Rates for Solar Photovoltaic Energy Systems.*  
PUC Docket No.: UM 1452  
DOJ File No.: 860115-GB0114-09

Enclosed are an original and one copy of Staff's Motion to Establish Procedural Schedule for Commission Determination of Volumetric Incentive Rates in the above-captioned matter for filing with the PUC for today.

Sincerely,

  
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1 PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
2 OF OREGON

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7 Investigation into Pilot Programs to  
8 Demonstrate the use and effectiveness of  
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MOTION TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL  
SCHEDULE FOR COMMISSION  
DETERMINATION OF VOLUMETRIC  
INCENTIVE RATES

11 Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Staff) asks the Administrative  
12 Hearings Division of the Commission to adopt a procedural schedule specifying a schedule that  
13 allows opportunity for comments and a Commission determination regarding the appropriate  
14 level of Volumetric Incentive Rate (VIR) for the April 2012 enrollment window. On January 4,  
15 2012, Staff and stakeholders, including, but not limited to, the three investor-owned utilities  
16 participating in the pilot programs, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon, Renewable Northwest  
17 Project, Oregon Solar Energy Industry Association, Oregonians for Renewable Power,  
18 Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, and the Energy Trust of Oregon, participated in a workshop  
19 regarding the VIR determination. These entities agreed to the following procedural schedule:

20 January 10, 2012 The three utilities populate a spreadsheet summarizing capacity  
21 allocation/data from October 2011 enrollment and serve on service list in  
22 UM 1452

23 January 17, 2012 Parties file comments

24 January 25, 2012 Staff publishes Public Meeting Memorandum with recommendation re:  
25 VIR

26 Week of January 30 Commission holds Special Public Meeting to consider VIR

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In Order No. 11-339 in this docket, the Commission modified the Automatic Rate Adjustment Mechanism (ARAM) to shorten the enrollment window to three months, which allows parties and the Commission to better use the information from the most recently-closed enrollment window in the ARAM. Under these modifications, the October 1, 2011 enrollment window closed December 31, 2011.

The schedule agreed to by the workshop participants on January 4, 2012, allows for the use of information from the October 2011 enrollment and a Commission determination of VIR approximately two months prior to the April 1, 2012 enrollment window. Staff proposes a Special Public Meeting the week of January 30, 2012, because the regularly-scheduled public meetings in January and February of this year will not accommodate both the need for sufficient time to review data from 2011 and the need sufficient notice of the VIR for the April 2012 window.



CONCLUSION

Staff asks the Administrative Hearings Division to adopt the procedural schedule discussed above.

DATED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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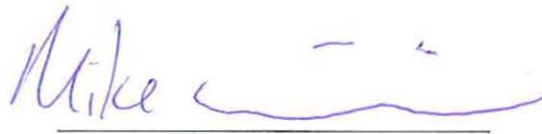
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2012, I served the foregoing Staff's Motion to Establish Procedural Schedule for Commission to Determination of Volumetric Incentive Rates upon the persons named on the service list, by mailing a full, true and correct copy thereof and to such persons waiving such service by mail who were served at their e-mail address as listed on the service list.

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