

1 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**
2 **OF OREGON**

3 **UM 1716**

4 In the Matter of the
5 PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
6 OREGON

STAFF MOTION TO AMEND PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE

7 Investigation to Determine the Resource Value
8 of Solar

8 Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon asks the Administrative Law Judge
9 (ALJ) to modify the procedural schedule to allow parties to this docket to file comments to the
10 Commission as to what “elements” the Commission should value to determine the “value of
11 solar.” Staff conducted a workshop in this matter on June 19, 2015, at which time Staff
12 discussed its proposed modifications to the procedural schedule. The workshop was attended by
13 representatives of Oregonians for Renewable Energy Progress, PacifiCorp, Portland General
14 Electric Company, Idaho Power Company, the Oregon Solar Energy Industries Association,
15 Renewable Northwest, Northwest Energy Coalition, Interstate Renewable Energy Council, the
16 Green Energy Institute at Lewis & Clark Law School, the Alliance for Solar Choice, and the
17 Citizens’ Utility Board of Oregon. No party objected to Staff’s proposed modifications.

18 The current schedule is based on the assumption that the Commission would resolve
19 questions regarding what elements are properly included in the value of solar at a public meeting
20 after a Staff presentation and party comments. However, such a process is not well suited for the
21 issue, and accordingly, Staff asks the Commission to adopt a procedural schedule under which
22 the parties to this docket file comments, after which the Commission can take the matter under
23 advisement.

24 Staff asks that the ALJ substitute the following for the current procedural schedule:
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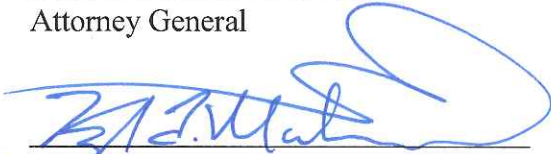
- 1 July 2, 2015: Staff circulates to parties a memorandum with a summary of results from previous
2 two scoping workshops, including compilation regarding parties' positions on
3 what elements are appropriately included in value of solar. **(Memo is not filed
4 with AHD.)**
- 5 July 20, 2015: All parties file comments with AHD re: what elements are properly included in
6 value of solar calculation.
- 7 TBD: Commission issues order determining which elements are to be included in the
8 value of solar.

9 Staff anticipates that once the Commission has issued an order regarding the elements to
10 be included in the value of solar, Staff will draft a Request for Proposals, with input from parties,
11 seeking a third-party consultant that can make a recommendation or recommendations on
12 methodologies to use to value the elements that compose the value of solar.

13 DATED this 30th day of June 2015.

14 Respectfully submitted,

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