

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: December 16, 2014

REGULAR CONSENT EFFECTIVE DATE Upon Commission Approval

DATE: December 8, 2014

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Brittany Andrus 

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer and Aster Adams  

SUBJECT: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC: (Docket No. UM 1610) Supplemental Compliance Filing to Update Schedule 201, Qualifying Facility 10 MW or less Avoided Cost Power Purchase Information, and Standard Power Purchase Agreements.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order approving Portland General Electric's (PGE) Supplemental Compliance Filing to Update Schedule 201, Qualifying Facility 10 MW or less Avoided Cost Power Purchase Information, and Standard Power Purchase Agreements filed on November 25, 2014, in compliance with Order No. 14-058, effective December 17, 2014.

Discussion

On February 24, 2014, the Commission issued Order No. 14-058 in Phase I of its Investigation into Qualifying Facilities Contracting and Pricing (Docket No. UM 1610) resolving several disputed issues regarding pricing, and ordering Portland General Electric Company (PGE), PacifiCorp, and Idaho Power to file revised avoided cost prices and revised standard contract forms in compliance with the order.

On April 9, 2014, PGE filed a motion to extend the date of their compliance filing to May 30, 2014, due to constrained staff resources. The motion was granted on April 17, 2014.

Parties to Docket No. UM 1610, including PGE, PacifiCorp, and Idaho Power, met for a workshop on June 27, 2014, to discuss the utilities' Phase I compliance filings in that docket. Follow-up workshops specific to PGE's compliance filing were held on July 23,

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July 29 and September 3, 2014. Parties that participated in those workshops do not oppose PGE's November 25, 2014 filing. These parties include Community Renewable Energy Association, Renewable Energy Coalition, Oregon Department of Energy, and Obsidian Renewables, LLC.

Staff has reviewed Schedule 201 and the power purchase agreements in the November 25 filing, as well as work papers supporting the calculation of the avoided cost prices. Staff concludes that the filing meets the requirements contained in Order No. 14-058.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

PGE's Supplemental Compliance Filing to Update Schedule 201, Qualifying Facility 10 MW or less Avoided Cost Power Purchase Information, and Standard Power Purchase Agreements, filed on November 25, 2014, in compliance with Order No. 14-058, be allowed to go into effect on December 17, 2014.