

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
COMPANY

2023 Clean Energy Plan and Integrated
Resource Plan.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL PUBLIC
MEETING AND AGENDA

The Public Utility Commission of Oregon will hold an Information Only Special Public Meeting in this proceeding as follows:

DATE: May 2, 2023

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE

LAW JUDGE: Christopher J. Allwein

VIA ZOOM: Click on the Link Below

[LINK TO MEETING](#)

Call-In Option: 669-254-5252

Meeting ID: 161 596 8431

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This notice provides the agenda we will follow for this meeting, which is the first step in the Commission's review of Portland General Electric Company's Clean Energy Plan (CEP) and Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) in this docket. It also includes general information about how stakeholders can participate in this docket.

Attachment A to this notice is a brief "Introduction to IRPs." As described there, the first step in the Commission's review of an IRP generally is a presentation of the plan by the utility. Public comment is held for later in the process after further review and analysis of the plan and this first presentation will not include a public comment period.

Oregon House Bill 2021 (HB 2021) is a landmark climate policy that requires PGE to decarbonize its retail electricity sales by 2040 with consideration for benefits to local communities. HB 2021 directs PGE to develop a CEP concurrently with the IRP, which demonstrates how the company will meet HB 2021 emissions reduction targets in a manner consistent with the state's policy goals. This IRP and associated CEP represent

the company’s first plans filed following the passage of HB 2021 and consideration for this novelty is reflected in the PUC’s process to review them. PGE’s first filing of an IRP with its associated CEP includes an additional initial comment period as referenced in [Order No. 23-010](#). More information about HB 2021 implementation and the initial guidance and expectations for the IRP and CEP and can be found on the PUC’s [website](#).

The schedule issued by the Administrative Hearings Division ([schedule](#)) provides additional opportunities for comments during the Commission’s review process.

Agenda

- 1:30-1:40 Welcome and process review (Chair Decker)
- 1:40-1:45 Commissioner remarks
- 1:45-4:00 IRP Presentation (PGE, with Commissioner questions)

Dated this 20th day of April 2023, at Salem, Oregon.

Megan W. Decker	Letha Tawney	Mark R. Thompson
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Chair	Commissioner	Commissioner

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ATTACHMENT A

INTRODUCTION TO IRPs

An Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) is a utility's plan to meet the future energy needs of its customers, in compliance with any policy requirements for energy resource supply. Every two to three years, a utility is required to engage with stakeholders to develop and present to the Commission with its plan and any near-term actions needed to carry it out. After considering all comments and perspectives, the Commission decides whether to "acknowledge" the plan and actions.

"Acknowledgment" is a regulatory concept: if a plan and associated actions are acknowledged, then there is a stronger presumption that the cost of taking those actions can be recovered in utility rates that the Commission sets in a future rate case. In a future rate case, the utility still must prove that its actions were reasonable, prudent and in the public interest. Both IRP acknowledgment and rate case decisions are related to whether the utility may recover costs associated with its actions; neither decision generally prohibits any particular utility action related to the utility's acquisition of particular resources.

The Commission has adopted official [rules](#) and [guidelines](#) for IRPs. Under those rules, the Commission's core inquiry in considering acknowledgement of an IRP is whether the utility's plan represents a reasonable "least cost, least risk" strategy for meeting its customers' needs, along with any policy requirements for energy resource supply. The Commission plans to update its IRP rules through future processes to reflect today's policy context regarding utility resources more directly, including decarbonization requirements placed on the utilities.

The PUC's process for IRP review generally follows these steps, not always in order:

- The utility presents its plan at a Commission public meeting;
- Staff and intervenors conduct discovery (a formal process of seeking information from the utility about its plan);
- Staff, intervenors, and the utility file a series of written comments on the plan;
- The Commission holds one or more workshops to gain greater insight into issues raised in written comments;
- The Commission holds one or more public hearings to gather comments on whether to acknowledge the plan and actions;
- The three Commissioners deliberate, in an open public meeting, on the issues presented and reach their decision;
- The Administrative Hearings Division works with the Commissioners to prepare a written order.

Anyone interested in an IRP may participate in the PUC process, which is organized under a "docket number" beginning with "LC." Participation options include:

1. Sharing your views live at a public hearing or by submitting a public comment in writing.

2. Signing up to be notified by email when filings are made or orders issued in the docket.
3. Intervening in the docket and filing comments according to the established schedule. (This creates a more official “intervenor” status that enables participation in discovery, sharing of confidential information and facilitates participation in workshops.)