

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

Adoption of Rules Relating to Resource
Adequacy.

RULING

DISPOSITION: MOTION DENIED

On January 18, 2024, Northwest & Intermountain Power Producers Coalition (NIPPC) filed a motion to modify the procedural schedule. NIPPC requested expedited consideration of the motion, to provide participants in the rulemaking sufficient time to prepare and submit comments in accord with the current or new comment schedule.

NIPPC states that an extension of time and a procedural schedule are needed “so that all stakeholders have an opportunity to respond to each other and the Commission reviews a full record before making a final decision.”¹ NIPPC notes that there is precedent to modify the procedural schedule and to extend deadlines in rulemaking cases.²

Staff responded to the motion by explaining the rulemaking process is structured to provide comment from the public, and that additional structure may discourage public submission of such comment.³ Staff further notes that extensive process already occurred during the informal phase providing “numerous opportunities for stakeholders to provide input.”⁴ Staff concludes by noting that it supports the extension of the comment deadline if such an extension “can enable a more robust and transparent process.”⁵ No other responses to NIPPC’s motion were received.

NIPPC’s motion to extend the comment deadline is denied. As noted by Staff, extensive process has already occurred with regard to the development and refinement of the rules. Comments received by the due date and time will be reviewed. If it is determined that an

¹ NIPPC Motion at 1 (Jan. 18, 2024).

² *Id.* at 2-3.

³ Staff Response at 1-2 (Jan. 19, 2024).

⁴ *Id.* at 2-3.

⁵ *Id.* at 3.

extension of the deadline would benefit the record, AHD may extend the deadline.
Therefore, comments are due by the current and noticed due date and time of January 25,
2024, at 3 p.m.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 2024 at Salem, Oregon.



Christopher J. Allwein
Administrative Law Judge