

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UE 356

In the Matter of
PACIFICORP, dba PACIFIC POWER
2020 Transition Adjustment Mechanism.

RULING

DISPOSITION: NOTICE ACKNOWLEDGED

On August 6, 2019, Assistant Attorney General Sommer Moser filed a notice of *ex parte* communications in this docket. The notice describes that a preliminary draft bench request was sent by Administrative Law Sarah Judge Rowe to Commission managerial Staff who are exempt from the *ex parte* restriction. The preliminary draft bench request was subsequently forwarded by managerial Staff to individuals subject to the *ex parte* rule.

OAR 860-001-0340(1)(a) describes *ex parte* communications as “made by a person directly to a Commissioner or presiding ALJ outside the presence of any or all parties of record in pending contested case or declaratory proceedings.” Although no communication was made in this instance to an ALJ or Commissioner by a party, to ensure that all parties have access to the same information that Staff’s witness and Staff’s Attorney had inadvertently been given, I deem the message to be an *ex parte* communication in this proceeding under OAR 860-001-0340. Accordingly, the information in the notice provided by Staff on August 6, 2019, will be made part of the official record in this proceeding. Parties have the right to respond to Staff’s notice within 10 days of this ruling, with service to all parties of record.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 9th of August, 2019.



Nolan Moser
Chief Administrative Law Judge