

ISSUED: November 20, 2006

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1276

In the Matter of)
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THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION) **RULING**
)
Staff's Request to Open an Investigation)
Regarding Performance-Based Ratemaking)
Mechanisms To Address Potential Build-)
vs.-Buy Bias.)

**DISPOSITION: MOTION TO AMEND SCHEDULE
CONDITIONALLY GRANTED**

On November 17, 2006, the Northwest & Intermountain Power Producers Coalition (NIPPC) filed a motion with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) to amend the procedural schedule in the above-captioned docket. NIPPC requests that the schedule be modified, as follows:

| EVENT | SCHEDULED DATE | PROPOSED DATE |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Second Workshop | December 4, 2006 (Details TBD) | January 22, 2007 |
| Parties file a consolidated issues list, or individual issues lists | December 14, 2006 | February 16, 2007 |
| Simultaneous Opening Comments Due | February 16, 2007 (details TBD) | April 2, 2007 |
| Simultaneous Closing Comments Due | March 30, 2007 | May 4, 2007 |

NIPPC hopes that more time prior to the second workshop will allow parties to discuss issues and find common positions. NIPPC also indicates that parties would benefit from additional time in this proceeding, due to competing schedules in other dockets.

NIPPC represents that each party was informed of the motion prior to its filing. NIPPC was unable to represent, however, that no party objected to the motion, as some parties had not yet communicated a position at the time the motion was filed. Portland General Electric Company (PGE), for example, had not yet responded. As PGE planned to host the second workshop, NIPPC indicates that Commission Staff has indicated that the second workshop could be held at Commission office if PGE is unable to host.

Although NIPPC did not request expedited treatment of the motion, I am treating the motion on an expedited basis, and ruling, at least on a conditional basis, before the period for objections to the ruling has passed. Given the shortened work week due to the holiday this week, I think it is appropriate to do so.

In the interest of promoting discussion and consensus among the parties of the potential issues in this proceeding, I find merit in the motion to extend the schedule. As the extension of time for each event is significant (over a month), however, I am reluctant to finally grant the motion without allowing parties to have sufficient time to object. Consequently, I conditionally grant the motion, but will allow parties to object until the close of business on November 27, 2006. If no objections are received by this date, the motion shall be considered finally granted.

Dated this 20th day of November, 2006, at Salem, Oregon.

Traci A. G. Kirkpatrick
Administrative Law Judge