

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 1716

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF  
OREGON,

Investigation to Determine the Resource  
Value of Solar.

RULING

**DISPOSITION: INVESTIGATION 2 POSTPONED**

On December 22, 2015, Staff filed a motion proposing a procedural schedule to initiate Investigation 2 of this docket to examine the extent of cost shifting, if any, from customers with solar facilities participating in Oregon's net metering program. Staff explains that the parties have held scoping workshops and propose to proceed to the evidentiary phase to establish a methodology for determining whether there is a cost shift. Staff adds that the parties propose that the evidentiary portion of this Investigation 2 be concurrent with the evidentiary portion of Phase 1 of Investigation 1 (Resource Value of Solar) because of overlapping issues. The parties propose initial testimony be due on June 1, 2016. Staff also explains that a second phase will be necessary for Investigation 2 (cost shift) after the resource value is calculated, to quantify the amount of the cost shift, if any.

The motion is denied. The cost-shift calculation methodology and cost-shift determination should proceed after we complete the resource value of solar in Phase 1, Investigation 1. We will stagger the proceedings so that we do not unduly complicate what will already be a complicated determination of the resource value of solar. In the meantime, the parties may continue to work informally via workshops.

Dated this 15th day of January, 2016, at Salem, Oregon.



Sarah Rowe  
Administrative Law Judge