

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 2273

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON,

Investigation Into House Bill 2021 Implementation Issues.

MEMORANDUM REGARDING SCHEDULE FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

The Commission will conduct oral argument in these proceedings on November 17, 2023, starting at 10:00 a.m. This argument will be structured as follows:

Issue	Topic	Party(ies)	Time
I(a)(1)	Can and should the Commission require retirement of RECs to demonstrate compliance with HB 2021? Does the answer depend on how the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) interprets and implements ORS 468A.280? If the Commission does not require retirement of RECs, can and should it otherwise restrict their use by utilities subject to HB 2021?	PacifiCorp/PGE Opening (10 minutes) Oregon CUB Opening (10 minutes) Green Energy Institute (20 minutes) PacifiCorp/PGE Rebuttal (5 minutes) Oregon CUB Rebuttal (5 minutes)	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
I(a)(2)	Before applying the “public interest” criterion for CEP acknowledgment, should the Commission give guidance on its interpretation of “economic and technical feasibility” or other specified factors in HB 2021 Section 5(2)? Should the Commission pre-determine other relevant factors for purposes of Section 5(2)(f)?	PacifiCorp/PGE (5 minutes) Oregon Citizens’ Utility Board (5 minutes) Rogue Climate (5 minutes) NWEC/Renewable NW (5 minutes) OSSIA (3 minutes)	11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

I(a)(3)	What relevance can and should the statements of policy in HB 2021 Section 2 have to the Commission’s implementation of the operative provisions of the law?	PacifiCorp/PGE (5 minutes) NewSun/Climate Solutions (5 minutes) NWECC/Renewable NW (5 minutes) OSSIA (3 minutes)	11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
I(a)(4)	What procedural approach should the Commission take to oversee continual progress and prompt action by utilities, as required by HB 2021 Section 4(6)?	NewSun/Climate Solutions (5 minutes) Rogue Climate (5 minutes) Oregon Citizens’ Utility Board (5 minutes)	12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Time allowing, Climate Solutions will be allowed to briefly make its process argument at the conclusion of the oral argument.

Counsel should be prepared to address questions from the Commissioners and ALJs at any point during their presentations. Time limits for argument are generally inclusive of time responding to Commissioner and ALJ questions. Commissioners and the ALJs may ask questions to parties available for questioning but not arguing at their discretion. Rebuttal argument will not be allowed unless invited by the Commissioners or ALJs during the oral argument. For groups that are listed together in the schedule, they may allocate the allowed argument time between the groups or have one representative use the entire time on behalf of both groups. Due to time constraints, there may not be an opportunity for all parties to be heard at the oral argument.

No presentations or PowerPoint slides will be permitted for oral argument.

Dated this 7th day of November, 2023, at Salem, Oregon.



John Mellgren
Administrative Law Judge