

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 1182(1)

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF  
OREGON,

Investigation Regarding Competitive Bidding.

PREHEARING CONFERENCE  
MEMORANDUM

**DISPOSITION: PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE ESTABLISHED**

On January 26, 2011, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) held a prehearing conference in this docket. The primary purpose of the conference was to set a procedural schedule. Representatives appeared on behalf of the following: Commission Staff; the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon; Portland General Electric Company; PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power; Idaho Power Company; the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities; the Renewable Northwest Project; the Northwest and Intermountain Power Producers Coalition; the NW Energy Coalition; and TYR Energy.

**Background**

In Order No. 11-001, the Commission reopened this docket to "further examine issues related to our competitive bidding guidelines."<sup>1</sup> The Commission identified three specific issues to be addressed: (1) whether the role of the independent evaluator should be expanded by retaining the independent evaluator through negotiations and final resource selection (Guideline 11); (2) whether the threshold for a "major resource" should be lowered to include more projects in the competitive bidding process (Guideline 1); and (3) determination of the appropriate analytic framework and methodologies to use to evaluate and compare resource ownership to purchasing power from an independent power producer (Guideline 10(d)).

The parties agreed to divide these proceedings into two phases. Phase I will address the Commission's first two issues. After an order is issued in Phase I, a prehearing conference will be held to set a schedule for Phase II, which will address the third issue. The parties also may request the opportunity to raise other issues in Phase II.

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<sup>1</sup> *In the Matter of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon Investigation Regarding Performance-Based Ratemaking Mechanisms to Address Potential Build v. Buy Bias*, Docket No. UM 1276, Order No. 11-001 at 6 (Jan 3, 2011).

**Procedural Schedule**

At the prehearing conference, the parties agreed to the following procedural schedule for Phase I, which is adopted:

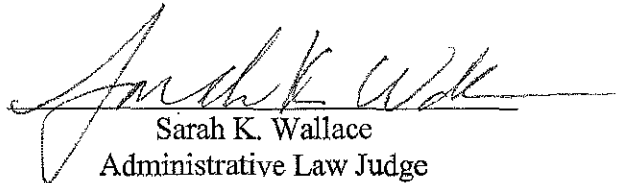
EVENT	DATE
Workshop <sup>2</sup>	March 11, 2011
Simultaneous Opening Comments	March 31, 2011
Simultaneous Closing Comments	April 22, 2011

The Commission's new procedural rules (OAR Chapter 860, Division 001) apply in these proceedings.

**Service List**

The Commission is using the official service list created during the original proceedings in this docket (from 2004 to 2006). If a party no longer wants to participate in these proceedings, then the party should file a letter withdrawing as a party.

Dated this 26th day of January, 2011, at Salem, Oregon.

  
Sarah K. Wallace  
Administrative Law Judge

<sup>2</sup> The workshop date is included in this schedule for the parties' convenience. Commission approval is not required to reschedule or cancel the workshop.