

ISSUED: June 21, 2011

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1452

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Investigation into Pilot Programs to
demonstrate the use and effectiveness of
Volumetric Incentive Rates for Solar
Photovoltaic Energy Systems.

PREHEARING
CONFERENCE
MEMORANDUM

On June 21, 2011, a prehearing conference was held in this docket. Representatives from Portland General Electric, Idaho Power, PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power, the Citizens' Utility Board, Oregonians for Renewables, and the Commission Staff.

At the conference, the participants agreed that the docket would be bifurcated and proceed under the following schedule:

VIR - Rate Update Order		VIR - Implementation and Policy Order	
<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>
Workshop	June 30, 2011	Workshop	June 23, 2011
Opening Comments	July 7, 2011	Opening Comments	July 7, 2011
Closing Comments	July 15, 2011	Closing Comments	July 15, 2011
Commission Order	August 1, 2011	Commission Order	September 6, 2011

Dated this 21st day of June, 2011, at Salem, Oregon.



Michael Grant
Chief Administrative Law Judge

NOTICE OF CONTESTED CASE RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

Oregon law requires state agencies to provide parties written notice of contested case rights and procedures. Under ORS 183.413, you are entitled to be informed of the following:

Hearing: The time and place of any hearing held in this proceeding will be noticed separately. The Commission will hold the hearing under its general authority set forth in ORS 756.040 and use procedures set forth in ORS 756.518 to 756.610 and OAR Chapter 860, Division 001. Copies of these statutes and rules may be accessed via the website at www.puc.state.or.us. The Commission will hear issues as identified by the parties.

Right to Attorney: As a party to this hearing, you may be represented by counsel. Should you desire counsel but cannot afford one, legal aid may be able to assist you; parties are ordinarily represented by counsel. The Commission staff, if participating in the case, will be represented by the Department of Justice. Once a hearing has begun, you will not generally be allowed to postpone the hearing to obtain counsel.

Administrative Law Judge: The Commission has delegated the authority to preside over hearings to Administrative Law Judges (ALJs). The scope an ALJ's authority is defined in OAR 860-001-0090. The ALJ make evidentiary and other procedural rulings, analyze the contested issues, and present legal and policy recommendations to the Commission.

Hearing Rights: You have the right to respond to all issues identified, and present evidence and witnesses on those issues. See OAR 860-001-0450 to OAR 860-001-0490. You may obtain discovery from other parties through depositions, subpoenas, and data requests. See ORS 756.538 and 756.543; OAR 860-001-0500 to 860-001-0540.

Evidence: Evidence is generally admissible if it is of a type relied upon by reasonable persons in the conduct of their serious affairs. See OAR 860-001-0450(1)(b). Objections to the admissibility of evidence must be made at the time the evidence is offered. Objections are generally made on grounds that the evidence is unreliable, irrelevant, repetitious, or because its probative value is outweighed by the danger of unfair prejudice, confusion of the issues, or undue delay. The order of presenting evidence is determined by the ALJ. The burden of presenting evidence to support an allegation rests with the person raising the allegation. Once a hearing is completed, the ALJ will not generally allow the introduction of additional evidence without good cause.

Record: The hearing will be recorded, either by a court reporter or by audio/digital tape, to preserve the testimony and other evidence presented. Parties may contact the court reporter about ordering a transcript or request the Commission for a copy of the tape for a fee set forth in OAR 860-001-0060(3)(e)(B). The hearing record will be made part of the evidentiary record that serves as the basis for the Commission's decision and, if necessary, the record on any judicial appeal.

Final Order and Appeal: After the hearing, the ALJ will prepare a draft order resolving all issues and present it to the Commission. The ALJ's draft order is not open to party comment. The Commission will make the final decision in the case and may adopt, modify, or reject the ALJ's recommendation. If you disagree with the Commission's decision, you may request reconsideration of the final order within 60 days. See ORS 756.561 and OAR 860-001-0720. You may also file a petition for review with the Court of Appeals within 60 days. See ORS 756.610.