

August 8, 2007

UM 1129 Service List

RE: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication

On Tuesday, August 07, 2007, the Commission held a regular public meeting at its office in Salem, Oregon. As is custom, the Commission invited members of the public to comment on general matters at the beginning of the meeting. Larry Smith, of Yachats, Oregon, accepted the invitation and addressed the merits of issues currently pending in docket UM 1129—*Investigation Relating to Electric Utility Purchases from Qualifying Facilities (QF)*. Mr. Smith, who appeared on behalf of himself, generally discussed incentives for QF development and the ability for QFs to sell their power at the utilities' avoided costs.

The statements made by Mr. Smith to the Commissioners constituted an *ex parte* communication under OAR 860-012-0015. The purpose of this memorandum is to notify all parties in docket UM 1129 of the communication and, in compliance with our rules, to provide an opportunity for rebuttal of any facts or contentions.

The Commission has posted an audio link on its website to allow parties the ability to listen to Mr. Smith's statements. The audio link can be found by selecting the "Public Meeting Agenda, Audio" link located on the Commission's homepage.

Pursuant to OAR 860-012-0015(7), any party may file a written rebuttal to the *ex parte* communication, with service to other parties to the proceeding. Due to the fact that the Commission will be issuing an order in this docket shortly, any written rebuttal must be filed by August 14, 2007.

Michael Grant
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Public Utility Commission of Oregon

cc: ALJ Patrick Power