

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 1610  
Phase II

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF  
OREGON

Investigation into Qualifying Facility  
Contracting and Pricing.

RULING

**DISPOSITION:      MOTION TO IMPOSE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE FOR  
PHASE II GRANTED WITH MODIFICATIONS;  
PHASE II ISSUES LIST ESTABLISHED**

**Procedural Schedule**

On January 12, 2015, we granted Staff's motion to suspend most of the dates in the Phase II procedural schedule. On March 19, 2015, Staff filed a motion asking us to lift the stay and to adopt a new procedural schedule. We grant the motion and establish a procedural schedule for the second phase of this docket, with modifications to the proposed schedule to permit time to review pre-hearing briefs before filing cross-examination statements, and to facilitate the filing of exhibits before the hearing:

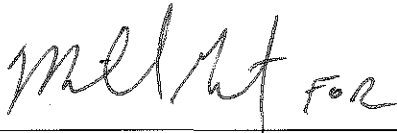
<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Opening Testimony due	May 22, 2015
Response Testimony due	July 10, 2015
Reply Testimony due	July 31, 2015
Pre-hearing Briefs due	August 28, 2015
Cross-Examination Statements due	September 2, 2015
Hearing Exhibits due	September 9, 2015
Hearing	September 17, 2015, 9:30 a.m.
Post-hearing Briefs due	October 13, 2015

**Issues List**

On February 20, 2015, parties to this docket filed a stipulation regarding issues to be addressed in Phase II. We granted a motion at the last prehearing conference, held on March 13, 2015, to treat the stipulation regarding the issues list as a joint recommendation.

In our prehearing conference memorandum issued on March 17, 2015, we indicated we would issue a ruling to establish the issues list. We adopt the jointly recommended issues list filed on February 20 in its entirety, as set forth in Attachment A to this ruling. We also determine that additional discussion on the solar capacity contribution issue previously briefed by the parties is appropriate. As a result, we include the solar capacity contribution issue in the list of issues to be addressed in the Phase II procedural schedule.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015, at Salem, Oregon.



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Shani Pines  
Administrative Law Judge



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Traci A. G. Kirkpatrick  
Administrative Law Judge

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## UM 1610 PHASE II ISSUES LIST

1. Who owns the Green Tags during the last five years of a 20-year fixed price PPA during which prices paid to the QF are at market?
2. Should avoided transmission costs for non-renewable and renewable proxy resources be included in the calculation of avoided cost prices?
3. Should the Commission revise the methodology approved in Order No. 14-058 for determining the capacity contribution adder for solar QFs selecting standard renewable avoided cost prices? If so, how?
4. Should the capacity contribution calculation for standard non-renewable avoided cost prices be modified to mirror any change to the solar capacity contribution calculation used to calculate the standard renewable avoided cost price?
5. What is the appropriate forum to resolve litigated issues and assumptions?
6. Do the market prices used during the Resource Sufficiency Period sufficiently compensate for capacity?
7. What is the most appropriate methodology for calculating non-standard avoided cost prices? Should the methodology be the same for all three electric utilities operating in Oregon?
8. When is there a legally enforceable obligation?
9. How should third-party transmission costs to move QF output in a load pocket to load be calculated and accounted for in the standard contract?