

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 2032

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,

Investigation into Treatment of Network
Upgrade Costs for Qualifying Facilities.

RULING

DISPOSITION: SCHEDULE ADOPTED

A prehearing conference memorandum was issued in this docket on February 10, 2020, noting that parties agreed during the prehearing conference to schedule a workshop. There were no other filings in this docket before the procedural schedule in this docket was stayed for thirty days from March 26, 2020. During the stay, two sets of comments were filed: 1) on April 9, 2020, joint comments were filed by Northwest & Intermountain Power Producers Coalition, the Renewable Energy Coalition, and the Community Renewable Energy Association regarding a draft issues list that had been circulated by Staff; and 2) on April 20, 2020, joint comments were filed by three utilities, Idaho Power Company, Portland General Electric Company, and PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power, regarding Staff's draft issues list.

On April 28, 2020, Staff filed an Amended Proposed Issues List.¹ (The stay on the procedural schedule in this proceeding had just expired.) In the filing, Staff sets forth a proposed issues list for a first phase of these proceedings, and identifies two possible approaches to addressing other issues: a second phase of these proceedings or a separate, broader investigation. Staff's filing also addresses procedural next steps:

Staff and parties to Docket No. UM 2032 have conferred regarding the appropriate scope of this docket and have not reached agreement. Instead the parties agreed that on April 27, 2020, Staff will submit a proposed issues list to the Administrative Law Judge and parties will file comments regarding their recommendations for the scope of the investigation on May 4, 2020. Staff anticipates that the ALJ will hold a prehearing conference to consider the scope of the investigation and the procedural schedule on May 18, 2020.

Treating this statement as an unopposed motion to establish an abbreviated procedural schedule, I recognize Staff's proposed (as amended) issues list and direct the parties to file responsive comments by the close of business on May 4, 2020. Rather than set a

¹ Staff filed a Proposed Issues List on April 27, 2020.

prehearing conference to further discuss the scope of these proceedings, I direct Staff to file reply comments on the matter by the close of business on May 11, 2020. At that time, I will confer with the Commissioners about the appropriate scope of this docket in context of other dockets (both existing and potential) and next steps.

Dated this 29th day of April 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Traci Kirkpatrick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "K".

Traci Kirkpatrick
Administrative Law Judge