

**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: EXPEDITED SCHEDULE ADOPTED; JOINT UTILITIES' TO
MAKE SHOW CAUSE FILING**

On September 2, 2020, a motion to strike was filed by the Northwest and Intermountain Power Producers Coalition, Renewable Energy Coalition, and the Community Renewable Energy Association (together the Interconnection Customer Coalition). The motion seeks to strike portions of the Joint Utilities' Exhibit 100 and Exhibit 200 alleged to improperly offer legal argument by non-lawyer witnesses.

The motion first requests expedited consideration in order to provide resolution that allows sufficient time to prepare response testimony. The motion suggests an expedited schedule for its consideration, as follows:

Action	Regular Due Date	Expedited Due Date
Joint Utilities' Response to Motion	September 17, 2020	September 14, 2020
Interconnection Customer Coalition's Reply	September 24, 2020	September 17, 2020

This expedited schedule would facilitate a ruling to be issued during the week of September 21, 2020, the motion indicates, with Response Testimony due on October 19, 2020. The Interconnection Customer Coalition conferred with PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power, Portland General Electric Company, and Idaho Power Company (collectively the Joint Utilities) regarding the proposed expedited schedule but they oppose its implementation, the motion states.

The Interconnection Customer Coalition's proposal for an expedited schedule puts a greater burden on the Interconnection Customer Coalition than on the Joint Utilities. In the interest of maintaining the existing procedural schedule, I find it appropriate to expedite consideration of the motion to strike. Based on the Interconnection Customer Coalition's representation that the Joint Utilities' oppose expedited consideration, however, I will allow the Joint Utilities to show good cause to deny expedited

consideration of the motion to the strike by making a filing on the limited issue of expedited consideration by the close of business tomorrow, September 4, 2020.

Dated this 3rd day of September, 2020, at Salem, Oregon.

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