

**Motion on the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System
Approved (as Amended) by the Portfolio Options Committee
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Motion:

The Committee recommends that the Commission require beginning January 1, 2008, that all Tradable Renewable Certificates Portland General Electric and PacifiCorp purchase for renewable resource portfolio options pursuant to OAR 860-038-0220(4) and (6) be registered with the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS). The Committee may at a later date request the Commission modify this requirement if insufficient certificates are registered with WREGIS for the types of energy resources supplying Tradable Renewable Certificates for the portfolio options.

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Background:

A Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS) is under development that will track and register renewable energy generation and transactions of the associated Tradable Renewable Certificates (also called Renewable Energy Certificates or green tags). The registry will facilitate the market for certificates, which provide an additional source of revenue that promotes renewable resource development in the West. Further, it will protect against double counting of the environmental and other non-energy attributes of power from renewable resources, maintaining the integrity of renewable energy transactions for both regulatory purposes and voluntary markets. Mandating the use of WREGIS certificates for renewable resource portfolio options in Oregon will protect participating customers.

The Western Governors' Association (WGA), the Western Regional Air Partnership and the California Energy Commission (CEC) are funding development of WREGIS. State energy offices, public utility commissions, utilities and public interest groups helped develop institutional and operating rules.

The Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) will house WREGIS, which will be operated by the WREGIS Committee consisting of seven members. Three members are appointed, one each for WECC, WGA and CEC. Four members are elected by the WREGIS Stakeholder Advisory Committee, composed of regulators, industry participants and others who will advise the WREGIS Committee.

WREGIS is expected to be operational in the first quarter of 2007. It will track WREGIS certificates through the Western electric grid (WECC region), which includes the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia, the northern portion of Baja California in Mexico, and all or portions of the following Western states: Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico, South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado and Texas. Generators in any part of a state included in the WECC are eligible to register with WREGIS.

WREGIS also will be able to import certificates from (and export certificates to) compatible tracking systems, which may include the Electric Reliability Council of Texas and the New England Power Pool Generation Information System.