

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Self-direction of Public Purpose Charges by Large Retail Electricity

Consumers (LECPPP) Program

Oregon Department of Energy

625 Marion Street NE

Salem, OR 97301

Thursday, October 29, 2015 – 1:30 p.m.

and

Tuesday, November 24, 2015 – 1:30 p.m.

Call-in number: 1-877-848-7030; access code: 7873317

Rule Caption: Updates accountant guidelines and cost recovery provisions for self-direction of public purpose charge program.

The Oregon Department of Energy will hold two public hearings on October 29, 2015, and November 24, 2015, to receive comments on draft rules for the Self-direction of Public Purpose Charges by Large Retail Electricity Consumers (LECPPP) program. Both hearings will begin at 1:30 p.m. at ODOE's office in Salem, 625 Marion Street NE.

The proposed rule amendments would update the rules for the LECPPP program to align with current Oregon Board of Accountancy guidelines and current agency practices. The proposed amendments would change the rules to require that a certified public accountant "attest" that project costs are accurate, rather than creating a "statement of compilation." The proposed amendments would also update the requirements for providing proof of qualified expenditures. With regard to cost recovery, the proposed amendments would eliminate a reference to the fixed annual deposit of \$1,200 to be paid by LECPPP participants, while retaining the per-project deposit of up to four percent of project costs. As program costs have declined over time, the department no longer requires participants to pay an annual deposit. The proposed amendments would also modify the process for comparing deposits received with the department's cost of services, eliminating the current true-up process in favor of an annual review to assure that costs of operating the program are recovered.

Note: Department staff inadvertently omitted one of the proposed rule amendments in official notices for the October 29, 2015, hearing. The department is holding a second hearing to ensure that all official notice requirements are met, and that concerned persons have the opportunity to comment on all of the proposed rule amendments.

More information about this rulemaking and the draft rules is located at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/energy/Pages/Rulemaking-LECPPP.aspx>

ODOE will accept oral testimony on the rules at the public hearing. Participants unable to attend may call in at 1-877-848-7030 and use access code 7873317.

Written comments on the rulemaking are due by close of business (5 p.m.) on Tuesday, November 24, 2015, and may be sent via email to: wendy.simons@state.or.us.

The public hearing will be the final opportunity to comment before the department files permanent rules. ODOE plans to file permanent rules the first week of December, 2015.

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